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Serial Nos. 4-6

Part B. No. January 1908

Subject:

Amalgamation of the Board of Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Mysore with the City Mun. Council

To the Chairman, Trust Bd., m. etc. Inspto. No 576 of 17/7/07 Calls for the views of the Bd of Trustees on the contemplated Amalgamation and Bye-laws.

Sub. to the Prest., m. of. Health. No. 577 of 17/7/07. Forwards copy for his remarks

2. From the Prest., m. of Mun. Council. No — of 23-7-07. States with certain suggestions & remarks that the contemplated Amalgamation may be made.

3. From the Chairman, Trust Bd. No 599 of 10/8/07. Submits copy of the Proc. of a Special Commission meeting of the Board held on 18/8/07 approving the contemplated Amalgamation

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4. From do. No 610 of 31/8/07. Sub. the matter of the Board on the Mun. of the C. Commissioner

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of the Trust. Commissioner
Rao Bahadur

5 From the Chairman, Trust Bd. no. 612 of 6-9-0 submits in Continuation the opinion received from Dr. G. S. Rao Iyer and Sri Cecil Jaipen & Ex-Officio members of the Trust Bd.

6 To Chairman, Bd of Trustees, D.C. Supreme Pradh., Dr. of Hlth.; Chief Engr., Supreme; Secy. Comm.; Sri Jaipen, Ex Officio Comptr } no 6862-8 of 17-1-0 of

Direct as a tentative measure that the Dy Comm & Pradh of the Dy Hl. Council shall also be the Chairman of the Bd of Trustees

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Amalgamation of the Board of Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Mysore with the City Municipal Council

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Budget estimates of the Board of Trustee for the improvement of the City of Mysore for 1907-08.

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I regret the necessity for the curtailment of the grant, but apparently there is no alternative. As regards future years I should prefer to leave the matter open, to be settled according to the financial conditions of the year. I regard the work as urgent, and as we are once for all committed to the scheme, I doubt the economy of prolonging the period over which operations are to extend and during which an expensive special establishment must be maintained. I trust therefore that next year it will be possible to raise the grant to the previous level of three lakhs.

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2 In view of the large curtailment of the grant, it should, I think, be considered whether it is necessary to retain the services of a highly paid whole-time chairman. A considerable saving might be effected by making the Deputy Commissioner ex-officio chairman. This arrangement would not, I believe, add very greatly to his work, for

[illegible] the acquisition work could be supervised by the Vice President, who is a member of the Trust or an Officer of Amilder's status could, if necessary, be specially appointed. The advantages of interesting the Deputy Commissioner in the operations and bringing the Municipal Executive into closer touch with the Trust are apparent. Somewhat greater responsibility will be thrown on the Executive Engineer of the Trust. But the present holder of the appointment can safely be entrusted with that and the post will always be held by a specially selected Officer. The Board, may, if desirable, be given the opportunity of expressing their views on the subject, but it is an economy that should, in my opinion, be carried through without delay.

KRW
25/6/07

3. Tell the Board that it has been decided to amalgamate the Trust with the Municipality & invite the President Chairman of the Board & ask them for suggestions as to what arrangements are necessary to give effect to the scheme — who should have charge of acquisition work — It may not be authorised the Vice President & additional power &

responsibility should be assigned to the Executive Engineer of the Trust.
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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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4 Please put up drafts
1) Sanctioning budget as revised reducing grant by Rs 2,710 &
2) to Chairman Rd of Trustees as directed in the Dewan's order.

C.S.B. 27/6

J. S. Balasundaram 27/6

5 1). Draft order is submitted.
2) Draft of a letter is submitted. May this letter be marked Confidential?

H. Ramanujam 29/6/07

HGS HW 29.6.07

6 Issue draft no (1) & submit draft II^d to Dewan through 1st Sr.

CSB 30/6.

7 I have altered the draft somewhat on the lines of a cautious reservation of final decision.
(2) I think the draft may be marked "Confidential", and that copy may be sent to the Dewan

Dewan

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2-7-07
Mysore.

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Dep Comm: of the Mysore Dist. also for his remarks & suggestions. [It is a pity that that the Diff. is not on the Imp Board]

(3) However desirable amalgamation of the Imp Board and the Municipal Council may be, the way of effecting it & the ways of working the amalgamation when it is an accomplished fact are, in the peculiar circumstances of the Mysore City, extremely difficult & delicate matters. If I support the idea of amalgamation, it is very much less for allowing the powers of working of the Imp Board than as a means of whipping the Municipal executive into anything like decent efficiency, & of training them on the lines on which they will have to run when the Imp Board, finishing its work, ceases to exist. It would be a mistake to suppose that because the Imp Board, with

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Mr. Subramania as Chairman & Mr. Maconochie as Member have hitherto worked with conspicuous success and without occasion for public dissatisfaction. What remains of the Trust Boards' work is easy. The mistake is as serious as underrating the task of Arhats, taming bears and Tigers! J. Ananda Rao 2 July 07

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8. The Dewan has approved of the draft as revised after cut Court

K. Mattan. B.O. 15/7/07

9 Issue

17/7

To the Chairman. No 576 of 17.7.07

Calls for the views of the Bd of Trustees on the contemplated amalgamation of the Bd with the Cochin Devasvom Council.

To the President of the Mysore Cochin Devasvom Council. No 577 of 17.7.1907.

Forwards a copy of the above for his remarks & suggestions for the scheme.

U.P.B.—80 000—17-7-07

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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The President of the Mysore Municipal Council. Dro — 23/7/07

States that the Municipal Council and the Trust Board may be placed under one Officer for their direction and guidance, that, if it is thought that the combined work would be too much for the Dy Comr, the Chairman of the Trust may be made the President of the Municipal Council as well in the interests of the Municipality & that, in case it is decided to task on the work to the Dy Comr, he would require the services of a capable Munshi to help him in the acquisition, as it is undesirable to burden the Vice-Prest. of the Municipal Council with the work as he will have his hands full if he attends to his own legitimate duties & suggests the name of Mr C. Kantana Rao, under orders of transfer to Belagavi as the fittest man for the special work.

10. The views of the Board of Trustees have not been received.

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11 The President of States that the Vice-President has enough to do and that the acquisition work should not be tacked on to him. It is a point for consideration whether the Health Officer newly appointed does not relieve the Vice-President much of his work (Conservancy Sanitary) to enable him to attend to the comparatively light work of acquiring lands.

H.H.K. Sing
24.7.1907

12 Solicit proceedings as to whether the Chairman's report may be awaited.

Bamaiya
24/7/07

13. A letter from the chairman has been rec'd to day. Please put it up also

Bamaiya
24/7

From the Chairman. No 590 & 23/7/07

Submits a copy of the proceedings of the Board dated the 23rd July 1907 resolving that a Sub-Committee be appointed to formulate a Scheme for the amalgamation of the Board of Trustees and the Municipal Commis and

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and to draw up a statement shewing what savings in the establishment could be effected under the proposed scheme and that this be considered at a special meeting to be convened ten days hence.

5 Submitted.
H.V.E. 14.8.07
25.7.07
25/7/07

15 The proposals of the committee may I think be awaited.
Dewan through 1st C.C.
29/7/07
On receipt 29/7

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16. Seen by Dewan
1/8/07.
K. Krishnan.

3 From the Chairman No 599 & 10.8.07.
Submits a copy of the proceedings of a special meeting of the Board held on the 10.8.1907 against the contemplated amalgamation of the Bd of Trustees with the Municipal Council.

~~Secretary's order~~

17 Submit to 1st Councillor and

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Dewan and await further communication from Chairman.
(Sd) C. S. Balaram
Dewan
12-8-1907

18 Submitted to the Dewan this
[illegible] 13-8-1907

19 Ananda Rao
13/8/07

J. Ananda Rao
13 Aug 07

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20 Seen by Dewan - K. Innaiah
26/8/07

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4 From the Chairman. No 610 of the 31-8-1907.

Submits the memoranda of the Sub Committee appointed by the Board on 23/7/07, the dissenting letter of Mr Venkata Krishnayya, the minute of Mr McCorochie dissenting from the views of the Sub-Committee and the opinions of Messrs Dr C. Rangaiya, G. Hanumantha Rao (Vice-Pres.), Dr Ananthanarayanaya & Mahammad Jaffer Saheb & states that the other members have been asked to forward their opinions & that they will be

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Dr E. S. Krishna Iyengar's opinion 9/07 to the effect the Bd of Trustees the present Chair. may be continued.

be submitted when received from the Chairman. No 512 Dt 19/07 Forwards.

21 At the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on the 23rd July 1907 the Board appointed a Sub-Committee consisting of:-

(i) the Chairman,

(ii) the Vice President of the Mysore City Municipal Council and

(iii) Mr M. C. Rangaiyengar

for formulating a Scheme for the Amalgamation of the Trust with the Municipal Council and drawing up a Statement shewing what savings in the establishments ~~for the two bodies~~ could be effected under the proposed Scheme

22 Mr. M. C. Rangaiyengar drew up a Memorandum in which he suggests the following three alternative schemes ~~such proposals~~

(a) The abolition of the Trust and the transfer of the functions of the Trust Board to the Municipal Council, and the appointment of a full time President for the Council till the improvements are fully carried out.

(b) Retaining the two bodies

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bodies distinct from each other, but presided over by one officer, who may be

(i) either the Dy Comr of the Dist, or

(ii) the Chairman of the Bd of Trustees.

23. Sir M. C. Rangaiyangar seems to be in favour of having both the bodies ~~and of frequently to make the Chairman of the Trustees the President of the Municipal Council~~. If curtailment of expenditure on establishment is considered necessary he states that the Trust Board be abolished and that a full time President be appointed to the Municipal Council till the City improvements are fully carried out. He adds that the full time President should be a gentleman "who possesses the necessary professional (Engineering) knowledge and experience and who is capable of dealing with the various difficult administrative and economic problems which will inevitably arise in displacing and planting population." He considers that there would be no necessity for a salaried Vice-President and a separate Engineer for the Municipality under this scheme.

24. The Vice President of the Mysore City Municipal Council is for the amalgamation of

Mr Rao

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the Trust with the Municipal Council but strongly condemns the appointment as President of any officer other than the Dy Comr of the Mysore District. He thinks that the Vice-President can manage the acquisition work and that no extra establishment is necessary on this account.

25 The Chairman of the Trust is not in favour of the amalgamation of the Board with the Municipal Council but is in favour of having one presiding officer for both bodies.

26. Mr Macondoie is not in favour of amalgamating the two bodies but is for the appointment of the Dy Comr of the District as Chairman of the Board in place of the full-time Chairman, and for the appointment of also a 1st grade Munsiff or a last grade Asst Comr for helping the Dy Comr in the acquisition work.

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27. Mr M. C. Rangaiyangar differs from Mr Macconochie in the view taken by the latter that the Court of the Judge is absolutely necessary that the Court of the Tuticorin District should be the Chairman - President.

28. Messrs Venkatakrishnayya and Mahammed Jaffer Saheb and Arunthanajayya are of opinion that the present state of things may continue. Mr Arunthanajayya states that the work of acquisition should not be separated from that of Construction and that both should go hand in hand.

29. Dr E. S. Krishnamurti Aiyer's views are not among the papers now submitted by the Chairman. The Chairman said that the opinions of Dr E. S. Krishnamurti Aiyer and Mr Venkatakrishnayya will be submitted when received

are received in pub. gy.

Krishnamurti is not in favour change for the - of few tenants - vide his note to Chairman's 612 dt 6-9-07

30. From the papers now submitted by the Chairman it is clear that the establishment charges admit of reduction. The reduction [illegible]

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the several members is given below

(i) Mr M. C. Ramaswamy Aiyar
Rs 8622 under the Trust
Rs 7,200 under the Municipal Council
(The above figures do not take into account the Chairman's Dy Conservancy allowance and the cost of special establishment for acquisition which are estimated by the member at Rs 6,120 per annum)

(ii) By the Vice-President.
Rs 26,505 under the Trust.
(The Dy Conservancy allowance @ Rs 200 a month has been taken into account)

(iii) By Mr Macrosshie
Between Rs 18540 and Rs 15,000 under the Trust. (The Dy Conservancy allowance and the acquisition officer's pay amounting to Rs in all to Rs 6000 have been taken into account)

(IV) By Mr Mahammad Jaffer
Reduction of one Sub-Division Officer

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Officer under the Trust.

(V) By Mr Venkatakrishnayya
Unnecessary establishments in the Municipal Board be abolished or suspended till the improvement work of the city is completed (Amount not specified)

VI By Mr Ananthanarajaiyya
Attempts should be made to curtail establishments as far as practicable without detriment to efficiency.

3. It is submitted that the question of reduction of establishment will have to be considered when orders are passed on the main point at issue.

The Government-noted files are put up with this for reference

(i) Legis 19 of 03 (The City of Bangalore Improvement Regn, III of 03)
(ii) Leg 83-03 (The Chairman of the B^d of Trustees)
(iii) Ref 1492-05 (Status & pay of Mr D. Subramanya Rao, Chairman)
(iv) Leg 89-03 (Bye Laws of the Bangalore City Improvt Bd)
(v) Ref 139-06 (Increase of pay to Mr D'Cruz, do)
(vi) Leg 88-03 (Establishment under the B^d of Trustees)

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(VII) Mil 202-04 (Formation of a new Sub Div for the acquisition of old Doddabagge & formation of the new Doddabagge)
Sl 142, 468.

(VIII) Ch 113 of 03. (Mr Nagarathna, Full time Pres. of the Bangalore City Municipality)

(IX) Mil 588-05 (Retirement of Mr Nagarathna & the appointment of the Dy Comm as Ex-officio Pres. of the Bangalore City Municipality)
Sl 1, & 2-3.

32 Submitted for orders.
H. Chatterjee
9.9.1907

B. Ramaiya
9/9/07

33 The bulk of the opinions received are against the amalgamation of the trust with the municipal Board either by abolishing the trust Board or by constituting the Dy Comm & municipal President as chairman of the Trust Bd. The minutes of the trustees go into the details of the case.
~~Discussion through 1st 2nd etc.~~

C. Rajamannar
12/9.

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Mr Lyle's written note is annexed overleaf.
5 Oct. 07

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34 First Councillor's note dated Camp Mysore dated 5th October 1907.

(1) The various aspects of the case have been so fully discussed in the minutes of the members of the Trust Board that I have no desire unnecessarily to add to the voluminous literature on the subject. I will therefore content myself by saying that I concur with the unofficial members of the Trust Board who have recorded their opinion with a brevity, simplicity and directness equalled only by their noteworthy unanimity in favor of maintaining the Municipal Council and the Trust Board as the two separate entities which they now are under different Presidents, and of effecting such reductions in their respective establishments as may be considered feasible apart from ideas of amalgamation of the two Bodies or of the two offices of Presidents thereof.

Sri Ranganagar, Ananta Rajayya, Venkatakrishnayya, Md. Jaffer.

(2.) The Deputy Commissioner on being consulted has strongly advocated the amalgamation of the two Bodies owing to friction between them. The questions in respect of which such friction arises are not described in the letter, nor are examples given. But I suppose that they are all in respect of

(a) Acquisition and demolition of Houses and

(b) Granting permits to construct new or reconstruct old Houses.

If this is so, a rule that the Trust Board shall be invariably consulted in all these cases throughout the city, and that their decision shall prevail would

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would settle the matter. Such a rule would only be right and reasonable in view of the fact that in-as-much as what the Trust Board is now doing consists of correcting the errors of the past in the matter of house construction, there should no longer be any house construction which the Trust Board may have to undo.

(3.) Mr. Maconochie's minute dated 9th August 07 contains at para 5 very good reasons why the Trust Board should be maintained as a body separate and distinct from the Municipal Council. But there is one consideration not mentioned there which to my mind dominates the situation. It is that Government gives a large grant annually from the State Funds for the Sanitary improvements of the Capital of the State, and Government cannot reconcile themselves to the idea of entrusting the expenditure of these grants to a Municipal Council though it be the Municipal Council of Mysore city. In a judicious administration of these funds, extensive properties have to be acquired, houses and streets have to be constructed with proper drainage and other works, and the duties connected with all this and with the exercise of the necessary statutory powers are such that they require such a separate agency like the Trust Board with a much greater continuity of existence than could be found in the city Municipal Council with its system of triennial elections and with its President liable to be shifted according to the exigencies of the wider public service to which he belongs, and certainly with a much greater responsibility to Government than could at all be found in the Municipal Council. In view of this fact, more than any other, I think the Trust Board should

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should remain as a separate body by itself.

(4.) Some good reasons are also given at para 4 of Mr. Maconochie's minute as to why the Deputy Commissioner should not be separated from the Municipality but remain President of the Municipal Council. It might perhaps make no difference at Bangalore. But at Mysore which is the ceremonial capital of the State, it is found desirable that the Deputy Commissioner should also be the President of the Municipality. Mr. Rangiengar has ably argued on the opposite side. But the question need not be labored here because it does not now lie within the sphere of practical politics.

(5.) The two bodies viz the Trust Board and the Municipal Council being maintained as separate entities, and the Deputy Commissioner being President of the latter, it remains for me to consider whether he may also be the President of the Trust Board. I would say yes if he could. But the fact most decidedly is, he could not. He cannot attend personally to the thousand and one all important details of work, while to entrust any part of house acquisition and house construction to subordinates would be disastrous. In this opinion all "old residents" of Mysore city would probably be found to concur.

(6.) I am thus led to the conclusion which I stated at the outset of this note. I would leave the present arrangements without radical changes. The arrangements have worked as well as could be expected. With the happy conception of a Trust Regulation and with an equally happy selection of the Chairman of the Trust Board to work it, we have got on remarkably well

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well, and I would leave well alone. I wonder whether there would be any objection to transfer the Municipal D.P.W. to the Trust Board. By such transfer, those who will have to maintain the works which the Trust Board are constructing will, in good time, be associated with those who are constructing them and will thus be acquiring the knowledge and experience required for efficient maintenance of the works.

(7) Reductions in establishments are probably feasible. But they would require to be considered on their intrinsic merits and apart from the large question under discussion.

J. Chandabhoy

First Councillor.

MC

35 (1) The matter is of sufficient importance to be brought up at a Council meeting for discussion.

(2) The Deputy Commissioner should always be the President of the Municipal Council. This is the more necessary in Rangoon city,

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for the various reasons given in Mr Macnaghten's note. Even in Bangalore City the experiment of a full-time President was tried on two different occasions, but without success. Such an experiment in Mysore City would be disastrous in its consequences.

(3) The Trust Board (which by the way is a misnomer as there are no trust funds properly so called); is a Board constituted by Govt. for the administration of the funds granted out of the general revenue of the State for the improvement of the Mysore City

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It is as much a Govt Department as any Division of the P W Deptt Mr Macnochie has shown in his note that the present staff is excessive and maybe considerably curtailed and that the Deputy Commissioner maybe made Ex officio Chairman of the Trust Board In this opinion I am inclined to agree. A less costly machinery than the one considered necessary at the outset can now be found sufficient. And it will be an advantage in the long run to coordinate the

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two bodies and enlist the sympathy & Cooperation of the Municipal Council in the work of the Trust Board - which can only be achieved by associating the Deputy Commr as Chairman of the Trust Board. The Executive Engineer of the Trust Board will have charge of all Construction work and his professional work will be supervised by the Chief Engineer. The acquisition & other Cognate work can be easily done under the Dy Commr's supervision and I doubt anticipate there will be any difficulty or trouble

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The ground has been cleared & the way made easy. The authority & influence of the Deputy Commr. and particularly of one in the position of the present Dy Commr ought if anything to make the work easier (4) Another point to be considered is whether we shall be able to make such large grants in future for this particular work. Other insanitary places are clamouring for state aid which has been grudgingly given so far It is therefore necessary to cut down superfluous staff and carry on the.

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improvement work on a more economical scale (5)d yield to no one in my appreciation of the good work done by Mr. Sita Ram Rao. but it is no longer necessary to retain this costly appointment.

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20 Councillor

8 Oct 1907

36 Submit to Dewan

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Dewan's order

37 Place bring up before a meeting of Council and

K. Matthan B.O. 11.10.07

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Extract from the Proceedings of the 185th Meeting of the Council of His Highness the Maharaja, held at Mysore on the 21st November 1907

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I. Subject. - (Clause viii of the Schedule).

Amalgamation of the Mysore City Improvement Trust Board with the City Municipal Council.

O P I N I O N.

(1) Under the existing condition of the finances and in consideration of the even more urgent claims of Cities like Shimoga, Seringapatam, Nanjangud to mention only a few among the many towns similarly situated, it is a question if more than 2 lakhs of rupees a year can be made available for the improvement of Mysore City. This was the limit also mentioned in Council Resolution of 10th June 1907.

(2.) If it is decided that the grant should be reduced there will be no justification for maintaining the present costly establishment. The reduction is also justifiable on other grounds.

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(3) That such establishment under existing circumstances is capable of reduction even without a reduction in the grant is the opinion of the members of the Board and particularly of Mr. Masenechie who was largely responsible for the establishment of the Board.

(4.) There is also a consensus of opinion that for the efficient carrying out of the objects of the Improvement Trust, the Trust Board should be maintained as an independent body. The only point on which there is a difference is whether the Trust Board should have an independent Chairman - preferably the present Chairman - or whether it can well be placed under the charge of the Deputy Commissioner who is also President of the Municipality. The Council are fully aware of the fact that by making the Deputy Commissioner Chairman, additional onerous duties will be thrown on an officer who is already burdened with sufficiently heavy responsibilities. There are on the other hand certain advantages mostly of a moral nature in entrusting him with the charge of this Department. As regards the work also the Chairman will not have the same exacting duties now as he had in the earlier stages of the Board's operations.

(5.) Considerable experience has been gained during the operations of the Board which has been working these five years, and the programme of the work to be done has been clearly laid down. The responsibilities of the different sections of the Board have been defined and the officials have also acquired considerable experience in dealing with the people and carrying out the operations, in other words, as every branch of the Department has fallen into a certain routine, all that will be required of the

Chairman

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Chairman will be to exercise watchfulness and general control over the working of the Board and bring his influence to bear on the officials in charge of the different sections. Since the proposals were originally sent to the Board for opinion the Municipal Vice-President has been relieved of the most onerous of his duties, viz., charge of the conservancy establishment. He is also personally a capable revenue officer and the Deputy Commissioner himself has every confidence in his ability to carry out the work of acquisition as efficiently as the present agency.

(6.) The present Executive Engineer of the Board has so far done excellent work in his own line and may be trusted to carry out satisfactorily both the work of demolition and construction. The bringing of the two bodies under one head will, in addition to securing economy in cost, be the means of removing the friction that has existed between the Trust Board and the Municipality, and furthering the future entire amalgamation of the two bodies when the special work on which the Board is now engaged is completed; for if the experience of Bangalore is any guide in this matter a special engineering establishment at least should be maintained to attend to improvements for many years to come and it is an advantage that it should learn to work in harmony with the Municipal Board from now.

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(7.) The other reductions in staff suggested by Mr. Macconochie in his Note may also be carried out, only one Sub Division being retained.

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(8.) The Council would take this opportunity of recommending the appointment of the Health Officer and the

Deputy

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Deputy Sanitary Commissioner on the Board and the Regulation may be amended accordingly.

Note. - The First Councillor dissents from the views expressed above and is of opinion that the grant should be maintained at 3 lakhs and increased if practicable so as to be in a position to carry out the programme as early as possible. He also thinks that one Sub Division may be abolished and the remaining two retained. He is also of opinion that a separate Chairman should be retained. His views are fully expressed in his note dated 8th October 1907.

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Sd. V.P.Madhava Rao,
Dewan of Mysore.

"Extract"

C.Balasundaramiyer
Offg. Secretary to Govt.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the 168th Meeting of the Council of His Highness the Maharaja, held at Bangalore on Monday the 10th June 1907.

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IV. Subject. - (Clause iii of Schedule).

Budget estimates of the Mysore City Improvement Trust Board for 1907-8.

O P I N I O N.

An additional grant of Rs.82,710 was sanctioned in February 1907 from State Funds for the acquisition and demolition of insanitary houses in Krishnaraja Mohalla, a work which pertains to City Improvement and which the Trust Board should have carried out from the normal grant of 3 lakhs, had a sufficient balance been then available out of it. The Council is of opinion that the grant for 1907-8 should be reduced by the said sum, and fixed at Rs.2,17,290 and that, in view of the necessity that exists for curtailing expenditure in all directions, the grants to the Trust Board may be reduced to 2 lakhs per annum in succeeding years.

V.P. Madhava Rao,
Dewan of Mysore.

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39 *Submitted to His Highness.*

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(1) In para 2 of order dated 25th June 1907 on the Budget Estimates of the Mysore City Improvement Trust Board, His Highness was pleased to direct that the question whether it was necessary to retain the services of a highly paid whole-time Chairman for the Board, should be considered.

(2) The Trust Board and the Deputy Commissioner of Mysore were consulted in the matter, and their views have been carefully considered. The opinion of the Council on the subject is embodied in the accompanying extract from the Council Proceedings. The Council consider, (the First Councillor dissenting,) that in view of the urgent claims of other towns, the annual grant for the improvement of the Mysore City may be reduced to 2 lakhs, that the Deputy Commissioner and President of the Municipality may be made ex-officio Chairman of the Trust Board, that the Vice-President of the Municipality may be entrusted with the work of acquisition, and the Executive Engineer of the Trust Board with the work of demolition and construction and that the reductions in staff mentioned in the statement attached

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to Mr. Maconochie's note of the 19th August may be sanctioned.

(3) The Council also consider that the Health Officer of the Mysore City and the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner should be appointed members of the Trust Board.

(4) The First Councillor is of opinion that the grant should not be reduced, but should, if possible, be raised and that the Trust Board should continue to have a whole-time Chairman.

(5) I submit the papers for His Highness' orders.

V. P. Madhava Rao
27/11/1907

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Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

DATE 28.11.07 No. 299

Subject.

Proposals regarding the amalgamation of the Mysore city Improvement Trust Board with the City Municipal Council and other matters connected therewith.

Order.

444. 40 I agree that the proposed scheme, under which the services of a whole time Chairman are dispensed with, and the work is entrusted to the Depy Commissioner may be given a trial. I deprecate the reduction of the annual grant. The reduction will entail the spreading of the work over a longer period and the continued maintenance of the special establishment. I agree however that the grant may be reduced, with the proviso that the total income of the board, including opening balance and income derived from properties

Dewan directs that the issuing orders on this it may be indicated the reductions in the [illegible]

does not fall below three lakhs.

4/ The Depy Sanitary Commissioner and the Health Officer may be appointed Members of the Trust. With these officers on the Board it seems questionable whether the services of the District medical officer are required.

KRW
10/12/07

carried out immediately, but that as regards the Chairman handing over charge to the Deputy Commissioner, further orders and issue as to the date on which this is to be done.

B.P.
11/12/07

Please prepare a draft.

DMSW
5/12/07

(G. R. S. 12)
General and Revenue Secretariat.

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4 Draft order is submitted.

5 After the issue of orders in this case, a separate note will be submitted as regards the amendment of Sec 4 of the City of Mysore Improvement Regulation

[Note. No orders have been passed as regards the Dy Court's allowance as Chairman.]

H.V.K. S.M. 23.12.07 4 Draft sent to the 1st Councillor.

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H Ramaiah
27/12/07

4 The draft may be approved — To the Dewan

4499/14-1-08 Draft approved by the Dewan on 15.1.1908.

Give draft
(Sd) K. S. B.
17-1-1908

Enter - Contn sheet.

(GPB - 64,000-17-1-07)

Serial No.

L. Mr Ramaiya
Will you kindly revise the order & bring it
C. S. 6.1.08

50 Please see the draft communication
~~Very dear Prime Minister~~
The Dewan 7/1

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Think that a long order like the one now putting ~~given~~ detailing the opinions of the different officers & both sides compared is unnecessary & desire that a draft order only giving the reasons (with the decision) and the decision appeal. maybe putting very tersely

~~Yours sincerely~~
Regards

~~7.1.08~~ 52 Revised draft sent herewith
Issue draft C.S.
7/1/08

53. Draft approved by the Dewan on 15.1.1908

54. Issue draft
C. S. Balasundaram Jr
17.1.1908

(S. R. S. 12]
General and Revenue
Secretariat.

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Serial No. 6

To the Chairman, Bg Comr of the Mysore Dist Board, the Mysore City Municipal Council, Chief Engr, Sany Comr, Senior Surgeon & Comptroller.
No 6862-8 Dg 17.1.1908.

Issuing orders appointing, as a tentative measure, the Bg Comr & President of the Mysore City Municipal Council as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Improvement of the City in place of the whole-time Chairman, dispensing with the services of certain establishments, directing the appointment of the Health Officer & the Bg Comr Sany Comr, and the removal of the Civil Surgeon from the Board and stating that the aims of State grant to the Board will be as with effect from 1908-9 be restricted to 3 lacs of rupees inclusive of the opening balance in favour of the Board and its income derived from properties.

The Board of Trustees

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Write this sheet.

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File No. 17

Serial No. 86

Diary No. of letter replied to 9194

Letter No. 5768

from Mr C. S. Balasubramanian, Sub Ag. B.A. Officer to the Govt. of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore, to D. Sitarama Rao Esq Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Mysore.

General and Revenue Secretariat

(Municipal Government)

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Date of issue 17.7.1907

Signed by W. H. Ramayya

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that in view of the large curtailment of the fund for the city improvements during the ~~ensuing~~ year 1907-08 the Govt. of H.H. the Maharaja are of opinion that expenditure on establishments should be curtailed as much as possible, and that

SUBJECT.

over

with a view to secure coordination of action and to obtain the sympathetic help of the municipal commissioners in what is done by the Board

~~Considerable savings~~ could be effected by amalgamating the Trust, with the Municipality, ~~and making the President of the Purpose City Municipal Council appointed ex officio Chairman of the Board of Trustees.~~

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[illegible] is meant [illegible] the Trust [illegible] exist as a [illegible] body, a [illegible] change [illegible] being [illegible] chairman of the [illegible]

To give effect to this scheme it will be necessary to consider what arrangements should be made for the work of acquisition, whether it may ~~not be entrusted~~ to the Vice President of the City Municipal Council or to a special officer of the status of an aldermen, and assigning to him ~~if neither more subordinate~~ powers and responsibilities ~~should be assigned~~ to

It is believed that such an arrangement will have the effect of enabling the Deputy Commissioner of the Bath in the operations with adding material to his work and of bringing the municipal [illegible] in closer touch with the Trust. One way of giving effect to this scheme would be to separate the [illegible] of acquisition [illegible] provided by such the former [illegible]

List of enclosures

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[G.R.S. 27]

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(*Continuation Sheet draft form.*)

for careful consideration, elaboration and to

The Executive Engineer of the Trust. I am ~~accordingly~~ to request that you will be so good as to place the matter before the Board ~~and~~ submit their views to Govt. at a very early date.

I have etc.

C.B. Mayo
Offg. Secy
to Govt.

No 5778 17.7.07

Copy of the above is forwarded to the President of the Mysore City Municipal Council with the request that the Govt. may be favoured with his views & suggestions if any on the above scheme

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No. 590

Letter No 590, Dated Mysore 23rd July 1907 From

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS OF THE CITY OF MYSORE.

Mysore, Dated, 23rd July 1907.

D.Sitarama Rao, Esquire,

Chairman of the Board of Trustees,
Mysore City Improvements.

To

C.S.Balasundaram Aiyar Esquire, B.A.,
Offg: Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, General and Revenue
Departments.

Sir,

With reference to Secretary's letter (confidential) No.576/M1.(77-07)-1 of the 17th instant, regarding the Trust Board establishments, I have the honor to report that the subject was placed before the Board at a special meeting held this morning, and a copy of the resolution passed thereon is submitted for information.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

D Sitarama Rao

Chairman.

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Proceedings of a special meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Improvements of the City of Mysore, held on the 23rd July 1907.

Mr.D.Sitaranga Rao, Chairman.

Trustees.

Present.	Absent.
Mr.E.Maconochie, I.C.S.	
Dr.E.S.Krishnaswami Aiyar, Civil Surgeon.	
Mr.G.Hanumantha Rao, Vice President.	NIL.
Mr.Mahamed Jaffer Sahib.	
Mr.M.Ananthaarajaiya.	
Mr.M.Venkatakrishnaiya.	
Mr.M.C.Ranga Iyengar.	

All the members met, as previously arranged, at 8 A.M., at the Chairman's office to consider General and Revenue Secretary's letter (confidential) No.576/M1.(77-07)-1 of the 17th instant, a copy of which was sent to each member separately. After discussing the subject matter in all its bearings, it was resolved

I. that a sub-committee consisting of the Chairman, Mr.M.C.Ranga Iyengar, and the Vice President of the Municipal Council, be appointed to formulate a scheme for the amalgamation of the two bodies, and to draw up a statement showing what savings in the establishment could be effected under the proposed scheme, and that this be considered at a special meeting to be convened ten days hence.

II. That the Chairman be requested to address the President of the Mysore City Municipal Council to place at the disposal of the sub-committee, through the Vice President, such information regarding the Municipal establishments as the Committee may require.

Chairman.

C O N F I D E N T I A L.

Proceedings of a special meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Improvements of the City of Mysore, held on the

23rd July 1907.

Mr.D.Sitaramaya Rao, Chairman.

Trustees.

Present.	**Absent.**
M.C.Hanga Iyengar. M.Venkatarlingaiya. H.Ameenbaraiya. Mahomed Jafer Sahib. G.Sharamanthe Rao, Vice President. E.S.Krishnaswami Aiyar, Civil Surgeon. H.Ramchandra, I.C.S.	N I L.

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Chairman.

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From

The President, Mysore City Municipal Council

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore. Gen. Rev. Department

Dated 22/7

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Submitting opinions in the matter of amalgamating the Fresh. Board with the municipality

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~~Office of the Deputy Commissioner and President of the Mysore City Municipal Council~~

Letter No — Dated 23rd July 1907

To M. Kantaraja Urs Esq.
President, Mysore City Municipal Council

Sir, C. S. Balasundaram Aiyar Esq
Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore
General & Rev Departments

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your memo No. 577 Mul 77-07 of 17th July 1907 forwarding a copy of your letter No. 576/Mul 77-07-1 of the same date to the address of the Chairman of the Improvement Trust

Board of the Mysore City, I may be permitted to say that the proposal of Govt. to amalgamate the Trust Board with the Municipal Council has not come a day too soon. When I say this, it is not with any personal or selfish motive that I do so. Ever since I took charge of this District I have been carefully watching the working of the Trust Board & I am constrained to remark that there has been anything but cordiality between the Municipal Council on the one hand and the Trust Board on the other. There is a distinct and unmistakable tendency on the part of the Trust

Board to encroach upon and usurp the legitimate powers and responsibilities of the municipal Council which of course had to be opposed. When this was done, it followed naturally that the Trust Board tried to run counter to the interests of the municipal Council whenever there was an opportunity. It is unnecessary for me to observe what effect such conflict of interests would have upon the working of these respective corporate bodies.

The municipal Council is a permanent institution and their responsibilities to the rate-payers are very great, whereas the Trust Board is after all an institution created for a special purpose and a definite period and its

cannot reasonably be expected to put itself in the position of the Municipality or to work with the same interest for the welfare of the community.

It is therefore high time that both these bodies should be combined and placed under one head for their direction and guidance. If it is thought that the combined work would be too much for the Deputy-Commissioner of the district to perform satisfactorily, the Chairman of the Forest Board may be made the President of the Municipality as well in the interests of the Municipality. Divided and conflicting of interest such as now prevail owing to the existence of two

separate independent units are by no means conducive to good work. The sooner such an undesirable state of things ceases to exist the better it is for all concerned.

In case Government should finally decide to take the work on to me as the President of the Municipality, I shall require the services of a capable Assistant to help me in the acquisition of the properties. The Vice President will have his hands pretty full, if he attends to his own legitimate duties. I would not therefore overburden him with this extra work.

If it is not too premature, I may be permitted to suggest the name of Mr. C. Krishna Rao, the

the Assistant of Chamarajanagar now under orders of transfer to Nelamangala, Bangalore District as a very eligible officer for this purpose. He is an utter stranger to the City and the people and as for honesty and capabilities he is second to none among his class.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

your most obedient servant

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President Mysore City Municipal Council

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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS OF THE CITY OF MYSORE.

Letter No. 599
Enc. 1.

Mysore, Dated, 10th August 1907.

From

D.Sitarama Rao, Esquire,
Chairman of the Board of Trustees,
Mysore City Improvements.

To

C.S.Balasundaram Aiyar, Esquire, B.A.,
Offg: Secretary to the Government of H.H.the
Maharaja of Mysore, Genl and Rev. Depts.

~~Sir,~~

In continuation of my letter No.590 of the 23rd ultimo, in re- the Trust Board establishments, I have the honor to submit for information a copy of the proceedings of a special meeting of the Board of Trustees convened on the morning of the 10th instant, in accordance with para I of its resolution dated 23rd July 1907.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
D. Sitaramarao
Chairman.

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Proceedings of a special meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Improvements of the City of Mysore, held on the 10th August 1907, at 8 A.M.

Mr.D.Sitarama Rao, Chairman.

Trustees.

Present.	Absent.
1. Mr.E.Maconochie, I.C.S.	
2. Dr.E.S.Krishnaswami Aiyar, Civil Surgeon.	M.
3. Mr.G.Hanumantha Rao, Vice President.	Mr.Venkatakrishnaiya.
4. H.C.Ranga Iyengar.	
5. Mr.Mahamud Jaffer Sahib.	
6. Mr.N.Anantharajaiya.	

The memoranda, copies of which were sent to all the members previously, were placed before the Board.

The letter sent by Mr.Venkatakrishnaiya, containing his views on the memoranda of the Sub-Committee, was read to the members, as Mr.Venkatakrishnaiya could not attend the meeting.

After discussing the memoranda of the Sub-Committee

I. it was resolved that it is undesirable to amalgamate the two bodies (Municipal and Trust Boards), - Mr.G.Hanumantha Rao dissenting;

II. resolved also that the Trust Board be kept as it is, subject to any reduction in Subordinate Establishment that may be decided upon in future-- Mr.E.Maconochie dissenting; and he gets in his reasons, and

III. resolved that the views of Mr.E.Maconochie be circulated to the members of the Trust to enable them to express

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Proceedings of a special meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Madras, held **on the 10th August 1907, at 8 A.M.**

Mr.D.Ritchie Esq, Chairman.

Trustees.

Present.	**Absent.**
1. Mr.E.Macconochie, I.C.S. 2. Dr.E.B.Krishnaswami Ayar, Civil Surgeon. 3. Mr.G.Hanumantha Rao, Vice President. 4. M.C.Sanga Iyengar. 5. Mr.Kalanad Tarter Esqrs. 6. Mr.W.Anantharatnaya.	Mr.Venkatachalapatiya, M.

Latest to the members of the Board.

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members, as Mr.Venkatachalapatiya could not attend the meeting: views on the memorials of the Sub-Committee, was read to the Trustees. The letter sent by Mr.Venkatachalapatiya, containing his

The memorials relating of which were sent to all the members previously, was placed before the Board.

an opinion; that, on receipt of the opinion by the Chairman, the foregoing resolution, the memoranda of the Sub-Committee and the written opinion of the members of the Board, be submitted to Government.

Chairman.

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No. 610.

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS OF THE CITY OF MYSORE.

Mysore, Dated, 31st August 1907.

FROM

D.Sitarama Rao, Esquire,
Chairman of the Board of Trustees,
Mysore City Improvements.

To

C.S.Balasundaram Aiyar, Esquire, B.A.,
Offg. *Secretary to the Govt. of H. H. the Maharaja*
of Mysore, General & Revenue Departments.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No.599 of the 10th instant, I have the honor to submit the memoranda of the Sub-Committee appointed under resolution (1) passed at the special meeting of the Board held on the 23rd ultimo for considering the Revenue and General Secretary's letter (confidential) No.576/M1.(77-07)-1 of the 17th idem. A letter dated 9th instant, from Mr.Venkatakrishnaiya, containing his views on the memoranda, asked to be placed before the Board for consideration as he could not be present, is also submitted.

2. The dissenting minute of Mr.Maconochie on the memoranda of the Sub-Committee was circulated to all the other members for their opinion as resolved on the 10th instant, (copy of resolution is enclosed for ready reference). The opinions received from the marginally noted members, are submitted for perusal.

Mr.M.C.Renga Iyengar.
Mr.G.Hanumantha Rao, Vice President.
Mr.M.Anantharajaiya.
Mr.Mohamud Jaffer Saib.

3. The other members have been asked for to forward their opinions as early as possible, and no sooner they

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From

The Chairman,
Mysore City Improvement
Trust Boa

To

The Secretary to the Government
of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore
General & Revenue Departm

Dated 31st August 1907.
Despatched 2nd Sept 07.
General No. 660.

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Subject.

Reference:- General
Revenue Secretary
(Confidential) No: 576/
77-07-0 dated 17th J

Submits the memo
of the Sub-Committee
the dissenting memo
Mr. E. Macnochie on
above, with the opinions
letter of the several Members of
Board of Trustees.

they are received, they will be submitted.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Chairman.

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Enclosures to Chairman's Letter No: 610 dated 31st August 1907.

LIST OF PAPERS IN THE FILE.

No.	Letter. No.	Letter. Date.	From whom.	To whom.
			Copy of Proceedings of the Special Meeting of the Board dated 23rd July 1907.	
			Memoranda of the Sub-Committee appointed under resolution I of the Board dated 28/8/1907, with three Statements:-	
			Letter dated 9th August 1907 (in original) from Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya.	
			Memorandum dated 9th August 1907 of Mr. E. Macdonochie, with one statement (in original).	
			Copy of Proceedings of the Special meeting of the Board dated 10th August 1907.	
			Opinion dated 16th August 1907 recorded by Mr. M. Ananthrajaiya (in original).	
			Opinion dated 19th August 1907, recorded by Mr. G. Hanumantha Rao, Vice President, (in original.	
			Opinion dated 31st August 1907, recorded by Mr. H. C. Ranga Iyengar (typed copy in original) with Statements A(1), & A(2); B; C(1), C(II), & C(III).	

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	No.	Date.		
9	Opinion dated 2nd September 1907, of Mr Imam Mud Jaffer Sahib			

C O N F I D E N T I A L.

Proceedings of a special meeting of the Board of Trstees for the Improvements of the City of Mysore, held on the 23rd July 1907.

Mr.D.Sitarama Rao, Chairman.

Trustees.

Present.	Absent.
Mr.E.Waconochie, I.C.S. Dr.E.S.Krishnaswami Aiyar, Civil Surgeon. Mr.G.Hanumantha Rao, Vice President. Mr.Mahomed Jaffer.Sahib. Mr.M.Anantharajaiya. Mr.M.Venkatakrishnaiya. Mr.M.C.Ranga Iyengar.	N I L.

All the members met, as previously arranged, at 8 A.M., at the Chairman's office to consider General and Revenue Secretary's letter (confidential) No.576/Ml.(77-07)-1 of the 17th instant, a copy of which was sent to each member separately. After discussing the subject matter in all its bearings, it was resolved

I. that a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Mr.M.C. Ranga Iyengar, and the Vice President of the Municipal Council, be appointed to formulate a scheme for the amalgamation of the two bodies, and to draw up a statement showing what savings in the establishment could be effected under the proposed scheme, and that this be considered at a special meeting to be convened ten days hence;

II. that the Chairman be requested to address the President of the Mysore City Municipal Council to place at the disposal of the Sub-Committee, through the Vice President, such information regarding the Municipal establishments as the Committee may require.

Sd/. D.Sitarama Rao,
Chairman.

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D. Sitarama Rao
Chairman.

C O N F I D E N T I A L.

Proceedings of a special meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Improvements of the City of Mysore, held on the 10th August 1907, at 8 A.M.

Mr.D.Sitarama Rao, Chairman.

Trustees.

Present.	Absent.
Mr.E.Maconochie, I.C.S. Dr.E.S.Krishnaswami Aiyar, Civil Surgeon. Mr.G.Hanumantha Rao, Vice President. M.C.Ranga Iyengar. Mr.Mahamud Jaffer Sahib. Mr.M.Ananthareja iya.	Mr.M.Venkatakrishnaiya.

The memoranda, copies of which were sent to all the members previously, were placed before the Board.

The letter sent by Mr.Venkatakrishnaiya, containing his views on the memoranda of the Sub-Committee, was read to the members, as Mr.Venkatakrishnaiya could not attend the meeting.

After discussing the memoranda of the Sub-Committee

I. it was resolved that it is undesirable to amalgamate the two bodies (Municipal and Trust Boards)--Mr.G.Hanumantha Rao dissenting;

II. resolved also that the Trust Board be kept as it is subject to any reduction in Subordinate Establishment that may be decided upon in future---Mr.E.Maconochie dissenting; and he puts in his reasons; and

III. resolved that the views of Mr.E.Maconochie be circulated to the members of the Trust to enable them to express an opinion; and that, on receipt of their opinion by the Chairman, the foregoing resolution, the memoranda of the Sub-Committee and the written opinion of the members of the Board, be submitted to Government.

Sd/. D.Sitarama Rao;
Chairman.

"Copy"
Chairman.

M E M O R A N D U M.

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees held on the 23rd July 1907, the following resolution was passed:-

" All the members met, as previously " arranged, at 8 A.M. at the Chairman's " office, to consider General and Re- " venue Secretary's letter (confiden- " tial) No.576/M1.77-07-1 dated 17th " instant, a copy of which was sent " to each member separately. After " discussing the subject matter in " all its bearings, it was resolved

(1) that a Su-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Mr.M.C.Ranga Iyengar, and the Vice President of the Municipal Council, be appointed to formulate a scheme for the amalgamation of the two bodies, and to draw up a statement showing what savings in the establishments could be effected under the proposed scheme, and that this be considered at a special

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special meeting to be convened ten days hence;

(2) that the Chairman be requested to address the President of the Mysore City Municipal Council to place at the disposal of the Sub-Committee through the Vice President, such informations regarding the Municipal Establishments as the Committee may require".

2. In the letter from the Secretary to Government, Genl. and Rev. Depts., to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees dated 19th July 1907, it is observed

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(a) that owing to the large curtailment of the grant for the Mysore City Improvements during 1907-08, it has become necessary to curtail expenditure on establishments;

(b) and to secure co-ordination of action and mutual sympathy and interest between the Trust Board and

and the Municipality, it is desirable to amalgamate the two bodies.

Further suggestions are made to separate the work of acquisition from that of construction, to entrust the acquisition work to the Vice President of the Municipality, or to a special Officer, and to assign more powers and responsibilities to the Executive Engineer of the Trust.

3.(1) Before offering my opinion on the question referred to us, I deem it necessary to point out that the Regulation grant for the Improvement work is three lakhs of rupees a year; but, that by reason of a special allotment of Rs. 82,000/- made for clearing the congestion in Krishnaraj Mohalla last year when plague reappeared in that locality in a virulent form, the grant for 1907-08 has been reduced to Rs.2,18,000/-. This sum represents the Government grant for the current year. A sum of Rs.50,000/-, out of the available realisations of the

added to the Government grant. Out of the Rs.82,000/-, specially granted to Krishnaraj Mohalla, only Rs.52,000/- could be expended last year by reason of the grant having been made late in the year, and a sum of Rs.30,000/- is available for being worked out during the current year. So that, the Trust Board has

Rs.2,18,000	Government grant,	
Rs. 50,000	Trust Board realisations,	
Rs. 30,000	balance of special grant,	
Total Rs.2,98,000	for current year's ex-	

penditure-- a sum which is short of three lakhs only by Rs.2,000. Taking into account the practice hitherto obtaining in the Trust Board with the sanction of Government of utilising current year's realisations wholly or in part for the Trust work, the Board will have a considerable sum of money in the shape of the sale proceeds of the Trust properties as the year advances; which money will also become available for Improvement works. It is estimated that within six months the Trust Board will be able to realise Rs.25,000. Thus the Trust Board

will

will have much more than three lakhs of rupees to work out during the current year. I venture, therefore, to state that the curtailment of the Government grant for the current year has not materially diminished the resources of the Trust Board, and does not by itself necessitate reduction of expenditure on establishment, which, by reason of the extensive area of operation and the variety of works carried on, it has been found necessary to maintain. Moreover, the percentage of establishment to works in the Trust Board being not more than 20 per cent, compares very favourably with what is allowed for the general D.P.W. works even exclusive of the cost of administration.

The average percentage of D.P.W. establishment charges to works during the year 1906-07 as budgetted is 26°0, including direction, though in some Executive Divisions it is as high as 37°2, 35°0 & 33°5.

(2) If, however, a reduction in expenditure on establishments is considered necessary, I am of opinion that it can be effected to some extent by adopting one or other of the following suggestions:--

A. The abolition of the Trust Board

and the transfer of the functions of the Trust Board to the Municipal Council.

B. Retaining the two bodies distinct from each other, but presided over by one Officer, who may be

(a) either the Deputy Commissioner of the Mysore District, or

(b) the Chairman of the Trust Board.

These suggestions require careful examination and mature consideration. I shall here briefly indicate the salient features of each of them, together with my opinion as to which of the alternative schemes I consider best in the interests of the City. To the abolition of the Trust Board and the consequent transfer of its functions to the MunicipalCouncil, I beg to state that there are many and serious objections which were recognised by Government, and set forth in the "statement of objects and reasons for the City of Mysore Improvement Regulation". These objections were based upon the

the fact that the Municipal Council has not a full-time President, but is presided over by the Deputy Commissioner of a large, populous, and important District. Most, if not all, of the objections will be obviated, if an experienced and competent Officer is appointed full-time President of the Council. The duties of such an Officer will, in addition to the purely Municipal work, be " to deal with an infinite number of administrative and economic problems connected with the public and private rights on a large scale, and the transfer of the population to more sanitary quarters"--undoubtedly a most onerous work requiring an adequate knowledge of Sanitation and Engineering, intimate acquaintance with the habits and usages of the people, and ability to accurately estimate the market value of properties in the City, no less than an inexhaustible patience and tact in dealing with persons, often very obstinate and troublesome. In this connection it is noteworthy that, out of 4772 properties acquired during the last three and

half years by the Trust Board, till the end of June 1907 only 26 cases had to be referred to the Civil Court for adjudication, not on the amount of compensation awarded, but upon the validity of rival claims of the parties to the amount awarded. If the Municipal Council can be given such a full-time President as indicated above, the Improvement work may safely be entrusted to him. Of course this suggestion, if adopted, will necessitate the repeal of the Regulation No.III of 1908, and the necessary amendment of the Municipal Regulation No.VII of 1906.

4. Under this scheme, a salaried Vice President and a separate Engineer for the Municipality, will become unnecessary, and also substantial reduction in the establishments of both the offices can be effected, as tentatively indicated in the accompanying statements. It may be possible to reduce expenditure still further after personally seeing how the system works. At present, however, the estimated savings amount to about

Rs.

Rs.15,000/ a year.

5. As regards the suggestion, that the Trust Board and the Municipal Council might co-exist, but be presided over by the same Officer, I am of opinion that a great deal depends upon who the presiding Officer is. If the Deputy Commissioner is the Chairman, then all the difficulties and objections noticed by Government while drafting the Trust Regulation apply with full force. But, if a single whole-time President is appointed for both the Boards, the Improvement work and the Municipal work can certainly be conducted with economy and efficiency, securing the co-ordination of action between the Municipal and the Trust Boards, so rightly insisted upon and desired by Government.

6. In the event of the Deputy Commissioner being appointed Chairman of the Trust Board, he will naturally expect some reasonable remuneration for the extra work devolving on him; the necessity anticipated by Government may arise of appointing an Officer of the grade

grade of an Amildar to attend to the Acquisition of properties, a work the importance and difficulties of which cannot be over-estimated. Compulsory acquisition of properties is a power secured to Government under special legislation exercisable by Government under special circumstances and through an Officer of the grade of a Deputy Commissioner. The statutory conditions under which this power can be exercised, indicate the importance of the work and the solicitude of Government to respect and guard private rights against possible improper infringements.

7. In Mysore, where the value of house-property is steadily rising, I consider that the work of acquisition as well as that of construction, should be under the special management of an Officer of a status and standing sufficient to command the respect and confidence of the public. From a financial point of view too, this scheme does not commend itself to me, as it fails to secure any appreciable reduction in expenditure under the head of establishments.

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8. In conclusion, I beg to state that if, notwithstanding the Board has a sufficient provision for the current year, any curtailment in expenditure on establishment is considered necessary by Government, the Trust Board as a separate body may be abolished, and the work of improvement in the City transferred to the Municipality, providing, till the contemplated improvements are fully carried out, a full-time President for the Council who possesses the necessary professional knowledge and experience, and who is capable of dealing with the various difficult administrative and economic problems, which will inevitably arise in displacing and planting population.

M. C. Ramachandra
2nd August

1. I dissent from the above suggestions
2. Full-time President - which goes the

Statement showing the charges that will be incurred if the Deputy Commissioner is made Ex-Officio Chairman of the Trust Board.

ITEMS.	AMOUNT.	REMARKS.
Allowance to the Deputy Commissioner.....	Rs.2,400/ at Rs.200 a month.	In consideration of the additional work devolving on him.
Pay of the special officer to be entrusted with the acquisition work.....	Rs.3,000/- at Rs. 250/- a month.	Appointment necessary as anticipated by Government.
Special Officer's establishment.....	Rs.720/- at Rs.60/- a month.	.....do.....
	Total Rs 6,120	

(Initialed) M.C.R.
2nd August 07.

Mysore,
Dated 2nd August 1907.

showing the savings that could be effected if the proposed amalgamation of the Municipal and Trust Bodies is brought into force.

s.	Sanctioned sum for 1906-07.	Proposal for 1907-8	Savings that could be effected.	Remarks.
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of the President.	Rs.6,000/ at Rs.500/ a month.	--	Rs.6,000/ at Rs.500/ a month.	The ordinary Municipal administration may be looked after by the President of the combined Board, and there is no necessity for a paid Vice President.
nicipal gineer.	Rs.1,200/- at Rs.80+20 a month.	--	Rs.1,200/- at Rs.80+20 a month.	The Sub-Divisional Officer now employed on the Trust Board may supervise the works. The Sub Divisional Officer, whose services have been lent by the Mysore City Municipality will revert to his permanent appointment in the Municipality.
		Total	Rs.7,200/-.	

The present incumbent is drawing only Rs.350/- a month. But, as this is likely to vary according to the grade of the Officer appointed, the amount sanctioned for 1906-07 is taken into account.

The pay of this Officer has since been increased to Rs.100+20 a month.

(Initialed) M.C.R

Mysore,
2nd August 1907.

Statement showing the reduction proposed in the establishment of the City Improvement Trust Board, Bombay.

Particulars.	As per Sanctioned Budget. Per month	Per Annum	Total.	As now proposed. Per month	Per Annum	Total	Savings effected
Chairman	1000	12000		1000	12,000		
Manager	100	1200		100	1200		
Accountant	65	780		65	780		
Assistant Accountant	25	300		25	300		
Cashier	50	600		50	600		
Head Clerk	50	600		50	600		
Second Clerk	35	420		35	420		
Third Clerk or Copyist	30	360		30	360		
Record Keeper	25	300		0	0		300
Munshi	25	300		25	300		
Head Draftsman	50	600		50	600		
Asst Draftsman	30	360		0	0		360
Storekeeper	35	420		0	0		420
Daftardar	10	120		10	120		
Head Peon	8	96		8	96		
Peons @ Rs 7 each	14	168		14	168		
Peons @ Rs 6/- each	12	144		12	144		
Sweeper	5	60		5	60		
Scavenger	2	24		2	24		
Total			18852			17772	1080
Collection Staff.							
Inspectors Dis @ Rs 10/-	20	240					
Establishment charges, salary of D.S. 30/- per month & Rs 15 for masons & other coolies & Granter [illegible]	30	360	600	–	–	–	600
Collection Allowance			1500	–	–		1500
Contingencies	50	600	600	50	600	600	–
						18372	3180

1	Executive Engineer	500+60	6720		500+60	6720	
3	Sub Divl Officers	100 to 200 + 35	6060		100 to 200 + 35	6060	
6	Sub overseers	35 to 50 + 15	4680		35 to 50 + 15	4680	
0	Surveyors	20 to 30 + 15	1620		0	0	
7	Mistries	20 to 25 + 7½	2580		20 to 25 + 7½	2580	
0	Storekeeper	25+10	420		—	—	
1	Accountant	50 to 74	888		74	888	
1	Asst. Accountant	25	300		25	300	
1	Head Draftsman	40 to 50	600		40 to 50	600	
1	Cashier	40	480		40	480	
1	Head Clerk	30	360		30	360	
0	Record Keeper	25	300		—	—	
1	Asst Draftsman	20 to 25	300		20 to 25	300	
3	Clerks @ 25 each	75	900		75	900	
2	Clerks @ 20 each	100	1200		40	480	
0	Clerk	15	180		-	-	
1	Tracer	20	240		20	240	
2	Peons @ Rs 7 each	14	168		14	168	
8	Peons @ Rs: 6 each	48	576		48	576	
7	Sweepers	(5 to 6) = 41	492		41	492	
1	Scavenger	2	24		2	24	
	Total			29,088			25,248
	Travelling allowances			202			-
	Contingencies			360			360
	Petty Establishment charges			2000			-
	Total			31,650			26,208
	Grand Total			53,202			44,580

Initials

B Lakshmanarao

5/8/01

1 I dissent from the above suggestion.

2. Full-time President ship for the

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the municipal
Council of the Bangalore City was tried
and was abandoned
for several reasons
I am not in favor of
any officer other than
the Dy. Commissioner
of the Mysore District
being made President
of the Mysore City municipal council.

3 The Dy. Commissioner
will, in the solution of
professional questions
have the assistance
of Mr. D. Cruz, Exec-
utive Engineer
the Trust Board and
of Mr. H. R. Venkata-
Subba Rao Executive
Engineer of the Mysore
City Municipality
in the opinion he

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undergone instructions in Sanitary Engineering; and also of Mr. B. Krishna Rao, the Health Officer, who is a Licentiate of Sanitary Science. With the assistance of these Officers, there need be no apprehension to make the Dy. Commissioner President of the Municipal Council with the Trust Board amalgamated with it. Mr. D'Cruz has besides considerable Experience in improvement works and his retention as Executive Engineer will be a sufficient guarantee that all improvement works will be carried out

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satisfactorily.

4. If the Trust Board is amalgamated with the Municipal Council I think the whole of the Chairman's office costing Rs 21,552 may be done away with, and the work thereof may be managed by the officials of the Municipal Board. With the increase of work, it may become necessary to retain a Clerk on 25 or 30 Rs and 4 peons at 6 or 7 Rs each and also to give the men the accountant, the munshi and sheroff of the Municipal office some Extra

allowance (say Rs. 10/ to the Manager and Rs 5 each to the Ac-Countant, the Munshi and the Shroff.)

The work of the Collection Staff of the Chairman's Office can be done by the Shanbhogs and Collection Mutsaddis of the Municipal Office and the work of keeping in repair the masonry works already executed may be transferred to the Engineering department of the Board.

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5. The Engineering department of the Trust Board which

4/ which costs now Rs 31,650 per annum is in my humble opinion too large for the present requirements. At present, the operations of the Trust Board are not completed in any one particular area before works are begun in another area they now have extended to almost the whole of the city except certain portions and the result is that a large establishment is needed to supervise scattered works in progress. By confining the improvement works to a particular locality till they are completely carried out there, I am of opinion that two

agency, the work of the Municipal Engineer has become comparatively light. He may with the assistance of one of the subordinates retained as already stated prepare estimates of properties to be acquired, the demolition work being entrusted either to him or to the other Engineer.

7. Even if the President is given an allowance of Rs 200 per mensem, the reduction as above proposed will effect large savings to the extent of Rs 26,505 as shown in the margin

Chairman's office establishment.	
Engineering Est. as sanctioned in para 3	Rs 8,325.
Total	Rs 29,877
Deduct increase proposed in para 4.	Rs. 972
Savings	Rs 28,905
Deduct President's allowance.	Rs 2400.
Total Savings	Rs. 26,505

G. Harrington
Vice President
C. M. C. Madras

2d Augt 07.

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The unmistakable trend of the confidential communique of the Government being to distribute the functions of the Chairman of the Trust Board between the Deputy Commissioner, the Municipal Vice President, and the Executive Engineer of the Trust Board, I do not feel competent to subject their proposals to a detailed and critical examination, as I am not in the happy position like Mr. G. Hanumantha Rao, of being in perfect agreement with the Government suggestions. The Vice President has justified the Government suggestions by arguments, among others, drawn from the special qualifications possessed by the present Trust Board and Municipal Engineer, and the comparative ease with which the Vice President himself could deal with the work of acquisition of properties, and planting the displaced population in healthy extensions, as a result of the recent transfer to the Health Officer of the duty of supervising the Conservancy Establishment.

2. After giving my careful consideration to the minutes of Mr.M.C.Ranga Iyengar and the Municipal Vice President, I am of opinion that Mr.M.C.Ranga Iyengar's proposals as a whole are practical, and that the combination suggested by Mr.G.Hanumantha Rao may possibly work smoothly, but not efficiently or economically.

3rd August 1907.

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Mr. Venkatakrishnayya's letter to Sir M

Mysore
9th August 07

To

The Chairman
Trust Board
Mysore

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your notice intimating that a special meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on the 10th August 07 at 8 a.m.

I read the memoranda of Messrs M. C. Ranga Iyengar & G. Narainappa Rao and of yourself together with the Statement showing the reduction proposed in the establishment of the City Improvement Trust Board. The memorandum of Mr. M. C. Ranga Iyengar is one which shows to some extent the care and attention with which the Chairman of the Trust Board and his staff have done their duty with the minimum of cost and the maximum of efficiency.

I am of opinion that the experience and skill earned by the Executive of the Trust Board should not be lost in making any arrangement calculated to effect sanitary improvements in the city. The Government carefully considered the question of the City Improvement before they established the Trust. If they were of opinion that the Municipality could effectually manage the Improvement of the City, they would never have established a separate Trust. The very appointment of the Trust Board go to show that

Now that the Govt. thought, that the municipality was capable of doing, probably, to the municipal as well as the improvement work. It is this that led to the establishment of the Trust. It is evident from the memoranda and the statement which accompanies it that the business of the Trust has been more economically managed than even P.W. business. The success of the city improvement is due entirely to the indefatigable energy and enormous tact of the Chairman of the Trust Board as well as the great moral support that the Chairman has been receiving from Mr. E. Macnochie, the private secretary to H.E. the Maharajah, who may be permitted to say without any accusation of flattery, is the real father of the improvement. I wish I had time to write all my opinions in detail about the question, but I am sorry I am unable to do so. I, however, give you a summary of what I think in the matter. The amalgamation of the city Municipal Council and the Trust Board is not desirable. If the Govt. is determined to amalgamate the two Boards a very efficient Sub-Committee of the Trust Council will have to be entrusted with the improvement work. The experience and skill acquired by the Chairman of the Trust Board will be lost to the city improvement. The future improvement of the city will not be carried out as economically as heretofore. The savings contemplated by the Govt. will in the end be found to be no savings at all. I therefore propose that the Trust Board do continues as a separate body and measures any establishments in the Trust Board be abolished or suspended till the improvement work of the city is complete. If the Board however thinks that the penny wise policy of amalgamating the two Boards should be carried out then I agree with Mr. R. Ranga Iyengar in what he has stated as regards the amalgamation. I am sorry I can't be present at the meeting. May you will kindly place this letter before the Board for their consideration.

Yours &c.

M. Venkata Rama Iyengar

Memorandum

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As stated by Mr M.C. Rangiengar in his memorandum of the 2nd inst: there are two alternatives to be considered First the abolition of the Trust as a separate body and its ie Municipality, and secondly, the re- t as a separate body, the President of the Chairman of the Trust Board being ficer. In either case the question ar- siding Officer shall be a whole time one or the Depy Commissioner of the district. There is a3rd alternative, viz: to leave things as they are. Mr Rangiengar in his note indicates that, in all probability, the income of the Board this year will not fall much short of that of previous years, and that may be possibly regarded as an argument in favour of continuing the present arrangement.

Mr Macconochie's Note

ar Rangiengar and the Chairman are in favour of maintaining the separate identity of the two bodies, but would place them under a whole time Chairman and President. They would abolish the posts of Municipal Vice President & Engineer and thereby obtain a saving of Rs 6120 per annum. In other respects they would leave the existing Municipal establishments untouched, but would reduce the cost of the Board's establishment by Rs 8,622. The arguments in favour of these proposals are as follows:-

(a) The difficulty and extent of the Chairman's work demands more time than the Depy Commissioner of an important district such as Mysore can devote to it.

(b) If a whole time President and Chairman be appointed, and immediate saving of Rs 15,000 can be effected and, possibly, a larger one later on, when experience has been gained.

(c) The value of house property in Mysore is ste adily rising and the work of acquisition and construction demands the appointment of an officer of status, who will command the confidence and respect of the inhabitants.

(d) The alternative scheme of appointing the Depy Commissioner Chairman fails to secure any appreciable reduction in the cost of establishments.

3. The Vice President considers that the two bodies shd be amalgamated. He supports his scheme with the following arguments:-

(1) That it is undesirable that any officer other than the Depy Commissioner shd be President of the Municipality.

(2) That the engineering and sanitary talent available under the arrangement will be ample and will remove any necessity for an Engineer Chairman.

(3) That a saving of Rs 26,505 can be effected.

(4) That the Vice President and Municipal Engineer having been relieved of responsibility for sanitation and water supply, the former will have ample time to carry out the work of acquisition, while the latter can be utilised in connection with the Engineering work of the Trust.

4. I will now offer my own opinion. On general administrative grounds, I consider it most inadvisable to separate the Depy Commissioner from the Municipality. There is no doubt that the District is a heavy one and demands all the energies of a competent officer. At the same time, the Municipal administration of Mysore city is of far more than merely local importance. As the main residence of His Highness and his family, the health and safety of the ruling house are concerned. Again at the time of the Birthday, the Dusserah and other festal occasions, such as the recent visit of the Prince of Wales, it is a centre of attraction for all Mysore and an epidemic outbreak on such an occasion may have the most far reaching and disastrous consequences. It would be, to my mind, absolutely inadmissible that, at such times, the executive chief of the Municipality shd be any other than the head of the District, who can command the services of every department of State, and who, whatever duties may be delegated to local bodies, must be held ultimately responsible for the safety and well-being

of the capital. There is a further consideration and that is, that on important occasions it tends, not only to the dignity of the Municipal Commission, but also to smoothness of working with State Officials and departments, that the Municipality shd be represented by the chief Officer of the District. No other Officer, of any department, can geth the whole local machinery into efficient motion. On these grounds I hold that the Depy Commissioner shd continue to be President of the Municipality.

5. The next question is whether the two bodies shd be amalgamated. The prospect of savings held out by the Vice-President is undoubtedly tempting, while no man can deny that it is desirable that the fullest amount of work shd be got out of the Municipal executive. I am not, however, in favour of the proposal. It may be supposed that I am biassed in favour of an instituion, for which I am in a great measure personally responsible. Possibly that is so, but I feel as strongly convinced now as I did four years ago, that the improvement work demands a much more energetic spirit than is apparent in Municipal Councils, speaking generally, in Mysore or elsewhere in India. To put a great many considerations, with which any one who has had to do with Municipalities is familiar, into a small compass, I shd say that a Municipal executive has too many masters and the result is a certain inertia. There are far too many strings at work and I am, therefore, all for an independent compact body, in close touch with Government, and composed, so far as may be, of gentlemen who will be influenced by no considerations but the public good. I believe that the Board as constituted, fulfils these conditions. Further I believe it is good both for the Municipality and the Trust to have another body alongside of it, interested in its work, but capable of forming an independent opinion and of offering advice and criticism, while creating an atmosphere of friendly rivalry, which cannot but be beneficial. No institution in this world is perfect, and if Govt, the Municipality or

the members of the Board consider that the Impt Trust has risen absolutely to the level of its possibilities, they must be easily satisfied. I would not however do away with it, but rather seek to increase its usefulness by economising establishment and by bringing it into closer touch with the Municipality; and this can be done.

6. The third alternative is to leave things as they are. I have referred above to the probable income, which, if it can be proved that the most economical use is being made at present of the funds available, is undoubtedly an argumment in favour of such a course. Personally, I have long been of opinion that this is not the case and that the executive side of the Board is overstaffed. I desire in no way to depreciate the work done by the Chairman & his subordinates-- far from it. If our income was larger, I shd be all in favour now, as I was in the initial stages, of an expensive whole-time Chairman and a big staff. But at a time when Govt is straining every nerve to reduce expenditure on establishments we are bound to ask ourselves whether a reduction cannot be effected. Mr Rangiengar make a comparison of the incidence of establishment on total expenditure as compared with that recognised in the P.W.D. But for several reasons such a comparison is fallacious. Taking the figures for 1905-6 the last year for which the annual report is available, the following results are obtained. The total expenditure for that year was, R. 3,37,212. Of this amount about R.77,000 was spent on acquisition. The total expenditure on works amounted to R. 2,60,000, or 77 % of the total expenditure. Supposing that 77 % of the establishment was occupied with works, (as a matter of fact the percentage was probably much less) the cost of that establishment was about R.33000 which gives a percentage on the cost of works of something under 13. If the price of Doultons pipes is deducted, some R. 58,000, the percentage rises to about 16. In 1906-7 the proportion of funds spent on acquisition rose considerably I have not got the figures, but I think it will be found

that the incidence of establishment on works was very heavy. My argument simply is that the P.W.D. standard of incidence of establishment is not applicable to an undertaking like the Trust. In a thinly populated part acquisition is on a small scale and works proceed apace. In densely crowded quarters acquisition is a heavy item and construction has to wait. It is not possible to adapt establishment to the precise circumstances of the year though more might be done in that direction than has been hitherto. During the last year or two unless the members of the construction establishment were tumbling over one another on the works, there must have been constant transfer of them to other work connected with acquisition and that, I believe, was the case. The only practical way of dealing with the matter is to consider the establishment in detail and endeavour to find out whether it is fully occupied. My own impression is that it is not. I believe that both the Chairman's and the construction establishment would bear cutting down extensively without injury to progress of work. The main business of the Chairman's Office is, I take it, the acquisition of properties, the giving out of new sites, the recovery of dues & the advancing of loans. During 1905-6 596 properties were acquired, R. 72,515 were disbursed in payment of compensation, R. 16,911 were recovered, 147 sites (including 17 houses constructed by the Trust) were allotted and R. 4,201 were advanced as loans. Putting it in a different way, it took an establishment consisting of the Chairman and 12 subordinates, exclusive of menials, not to mention subdivisional officers and other establishment intended for construction, to do the following work per diem, making the moderate allowance of 265 working days. 2.25 properties acquired, R. 273.64 paid out as compensation, R. 63.81 recovered, .55 sites allotted & R. 15.47 advanced as loans. It will of course be said that there is a lot of incidental work that these figures take no account of. But net results of this kind are the only true test and my experience is that excessive establishments make work, much

of it absolutely unnecessary, for themselves. I know the amount of work that was turned out in a year by the present executive Engineer of the Trust with a scratch establishment of Surveyors, most of them untrained boys from the Industrial School, before the Trust was born or thought of and I can draw only one conclusion. I believe that the establishment of this portion of the Office could be safely reduced to the extent shown in the statement appended. The net saving would amount to Rs 3,552.

7. On the construction side of the Office, I believe that a still larger saving may be effected, by reducing 2 subdivisional Officers and certain subordinates, as shown in the statement referred to. I quite admit that so long as operations are splayed out over a huge area, there is something to be said for the retention of three subdivisional Officers. But even now a great, if not the greater portion of their time is taken up by acquisition work. Further in my opinion a determined effort shd now be made to concentrate, and if that is done, the Executive Engineer and a single subdivisional officer with the necessary staff will be quite sufficient.

8. I now return to the question of Chairmanship & the conduct of acquisition. While admitting to the full the success of the Chairman's labours in the matter of acquisition, I believe that the work can be efficiently done by a first grade Amildar or a last grade Asst Commr, working under the general supervision of the Depy Commissioner as Chairman. Difficult cases no doubt arise, but such an officer can always call in the help of the Depy Commissioner or of the influential local gentlemen serving on the Trust or outside it, who have always been ready to make their services available. Of course a man of integrity, tact and patience is essential, but I have not the smallestdoubt that such an one will be forthcoming. I believe that an Officer of that status, with the Depy Commissioner and the Board at his back will command the respect of the people. I have not learnt that the

The President has experienced any difficulty in, either estimating the value of the properties that he has acquired recently, or in coming to terms with their owners. And it is, I believe, the fact that the rates paid by him are not in excess of those paid by the Board. It is no doubt true that the value of property is rising, and the Trust itself has contributed to the tendency by its improvements. But on the other hand, the people have not forgotten the plague, they live under conditions, which must be as disgusting to the majority of them as they are to those of us who give our mornings to examining them and they are well aware that behind the acquisition officer, the Chairman, the Board and Government, there is His Highness himself. All these reasons have simplified the task of acquisition in the past, coupled as it has been with facilities for removal to healthy quarters and I know of no reason why they shd not continue to operate in the future. I have every reason to be familiar with the quotation on p. 7 of Mr Rangiengar's memorandum. But it must be remembered that when it was originally penned the situation was doubtful. A new enterprise was to be initiated and it was desirable to give it the best chance. The case is different now, we have gained experience, the enterprise has passed beyond the region of experiment and I am prepared to maintain that, thanks mainly to the temper of the people and their desire for healthy conditions, the task of acquisition is at the present moment a comparatively simple one.

9. By the substitution of the Depy Commissioner as Chairman, the appointment of an acquisition Officer and the curtailment of establishment, we can, according to my computation set free for further improvement a sum of Rs 18,540 per annum and at the sam time provide a reasonable allowance for the Depy Commissioner. The allowance is a matter of no particular account to the present Depy Commissioner, but it is reasonable that he shd be remunerated for the additional work that will be thrown on him, whilst it is most desirable that his

successor shd have a material inducement to give his time and interest to the work. It is no doubt the case that the Depy Commissioner has his hands full already but I beleive his work could be lightened in more than one direction, and I have the assurance of both the present and the late Depy Commissioner that they ~~xxx~~ are and would have been able and willing to undertake the work. Finally I decline to believe that any Officer in the service, knowing how near to His Highness' heart the improvement of his capital is, will not be eager to devote a portion of his energies to the task.

10. There are two points to which I have not referred. The first is the additional responsibility that will beimposed on the Executive Engineer under the arrangement that I propose. He will have to take over demolitions which have I understand been hitherto carried out directly under the Chairman's orders, and one or two other items of work. For the rest he will not require more discretion than is allowed by the P.W.D. code to Officers of the rank of Exec: Engineer. The second is of far greater importance. The alternative proposal for the creation of a Chairman-President involves the institution of an "imperium in imperio" or power within a power, which, from the general administrative point of view can only be contemplated with the gravest misgiving. Such an Officer will have in a City of the size of Mysore a position that will altogether overshadow that of the head of the District. It is not necessary to labour the point, which will be appreciated by every Executive Officer of experience. I can only say that, were I Depy Commissioner of Mysore, I should decline to consider it for a moment.

Mysore
9/8.7.

Statement showing proposed reductions of establishment and consequential savings and expenditure.

1. Possible reductions in Chairman's Office

1. Manager	R. 100	
1. Asst Accountant	25	
1. Record Keeper	25	
1. 2nd Clerk	30	
1. Munshi	25	
1. Head draftsman	50	
1. Store keeper	35	
1. Peon	6	
	296	X 12= 3552

Executive Engineer's establishment.

2. Subdivisional Officers	365	
3 Sub-overseers	195	
3. Mestris	90	
4. Clerks	75	
4. Peons	24	
	749	X 12 =8988

Total saving =	12540
Add Chairman's salary	12000
	24540
Deduct acquisition Offiser 3600	
" P.C's allowance 2400	
6000	6000
	18540

If two subdivisional Officers are considered essential for the present deduct another R. 3,600, leaving a net saving of R. 14,940 or say R. 15,000.

9/8/17

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Replying to Memo of Mr M. Brenda 18th August 1907

After going through the memoranda of the Sub-committee members and that of Mr Macnoshie, I consider that in the interests of the sanitary improvements now being carried out in the Mysore city, the work of acquisition should not be separated from that of construction, that both should go hand in hand, and that the Trust ~~Board~~ should be founded ones as suggested by Mr M. C. Rangeenger by an Engineer of a very high status and standing sufficient to command the respect and confidence of the public.

I am therefore strongly of an

my opinion in the light of experience
that the present incumbent should
continue as Chairman till at
least all the contemplated improve-
-ments are fully carried out.
Meanwhile attempts should be
made to curtail establishments
as far as practicable without
detriment to efficiency.

18.8.07. G. Anderson

(1.)

Memorandum.

Received on 19.8.07

19.8.07

1. I have already dissented from the proposal to keep the Trust Board distinct from the Municipal Council. The remark of Mr. Macconochie in para 5 of his memorandum that the Municipal Executive has too many matters as an argument against the amalgamation of the Boards applies with equal force to the Trust Board ~~[illegible]~~ if the members thereof want to exercise executive functions as the members of the Municipal Council do. The members of

both the boards are Con-
-sultative bodies and
if they are precluded
from entering into Exe
-cutive functions as
is the case now in the
Trust Board, I dare
say that the improve-
-ment works may be
carried out by the Muni-
-cipality as smoothly
as they are done by
the Trust Board. With
reference to his remarks
in the same para, I
beg to add further
that the Municipal Council
is in as close a touch
with Government as
the Trust Board is
and that merely making
the President of the
Municipality Chair-
-man of the Trust Board

(2.) may not bring both the bodies into closer touch with each other.

2. I have suggested the abolition of the whole of the Chairman's Office; but Mr. Macconochie's proposal is to retain a part of that Establishment costing Rs 296 out of Rs 571 per mensem. The Chairman (Dy. Commissioner) will be an itinerant officer; and the question arises who is to be the Head of that Establishment during his absence from head quarters. The appointment of a

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Vice-Chairman is not desirable under the present circum-stances and the only attractive al-ternative will be to transfer the work of this Establishment to the Office of the Munici-pal Council as stated by me in para 4 of my memo of the 2d. instant unless the Government chooses to make the acquisition officer proposed by Mr. Macconochie a Vice-Chairman.

3. Mr. Macconochie's proposals regarding the Curtailment in the Engineering branch of the Trust Board are almost identical

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identical with name as mentioned in para 5 of my memo above referred to.

4. I have also suggested in para 6 of that memo that the appointment of a separate acquisition officer is unnecessary and I am even now of the same opinion.

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G. Hanumanthaiya

Vice President
M. C. M. C.

19th August 07

O P I N I O N.

of

Mr.M.C.Ranga Iyengar. dated 31st August 1929 on the Maconochie Memorandum.

Mr.Maconochie, with his characteristic courtesy consented to his memorandum being circulated among the other members of the Trust Board, with a view to their expressing their individual opinion thereon.

2. I have carefully read the memorandum and beg to offer the following for the consideration of Government.

3. The arguments which Mr.Maconochie advances for justifying the Deputy Commissioner of the District being necessarily the President of the Municipal Board, appear to me to be unconvincing. In this connection, I would invite attention to the valuable observations made by Lord Ripon in his famous resolution of 18th May 1882, ment "Local Self-Government in India," from which I venture to extract the following passages:--

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"It should be the general function "of the executive officers of Government to watch, especially at the "out-set, the proceedings of the local boards; to point to them matters "calling for their consideration, to "draw their attention to any neglect "of duty on their part, and to check "by official remonstrance any attempt "to exceed their proper functions, "or to act illegally or in an arbitrary or unreasonable manner.

18. "It does not appear necessary, "for the exercise of these powers, "that the chief executive officer of "towns, sub-divisions or districts "should be Chairman or even members "of the local boards. There is indeed "much reason to believe that it would "be more convenient that they should "supervise and control the acts of "those bodies, without taking actual "part in their proceedings. The Go-"vernor-General in Council is aware "that many high authorities hold "that the district officer should always be "ex-officio Chairman of all the local "boards within the district, and "should directly guide and regulate "their proceedings. This was indeed "the view taken by the Government of "India itself in the Circular letters "of the 10th October last, so far as "the constitution of ~~distint~~ district boards "was concerned. But even then the "Governor-General in Council did not "see his way to accepting the prin-"ciple in the case of Municipal Boards "and further consideration has led "him to the belief that, on the whole, "it is better to lay down no such "general rule in the case of any "class of local boards. There appears "to him to be great force in the argu-"ment that so long as the chief exe-"cutive officers are, as a matter of "course, Chairman of the Municipal "and District Committees, there is "little chance of these Committees "affording any effective training

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"to their members in the management "of local affairs, or of the non-of- "ficial members taking any real in- "terest in local business. The non- "official members must be led to feel "that real power is placed in their "hands, and that they have real res- "ponsibilities to discharge. It is "doubtful whether they have under "present arrangements any sufficient inducement "to give up their time and attention "to the transaction of public bus- "siness. There is this further objec- "tion to the district officer act- "ing as Chairman, that if the non- "official members are independent "and energetic, risk may arise of "unseemly collision between the "Chairman and the Board. The former "would be in a far more dignified "and influential position if he su- "pervised and controlled the proceed- "ings of the Board from outside, act- "ing as arbiter between all parties, "and not as leader of any.

19. "The Governor-General in Council "therefore would wish to see non-of- "ficial persons acting, wherever "practicable, as Chairman of the lo- "cal boards. There may, however, be "places where it would be impossible "to get any suitable non-official "Chairman, and there may be districts "where the chief executive officer "must for the present retain these "duties in his own hands. But His "Excellency in Council trusts that

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"the Local Governments will have re-
"course sparingly to the appointment
"of executive officers as Chairman
"of local boards; and he is of opi-
"nion that it should be general rule
"that when such an officer is Chair-
"man of any local board, he shall
"not in that capacity have a vote in
"its proceedings. This arrangement
"will to some extent, tend to streng-
"then the independence of the non-
"official members, and keep the of-
"ficial Chairman, where there must
"be such, apart from the possible
"contentions of opposing parties"

Thus, notwithstanding that the President of the Municipality may be a non-official member, the District Officer is always a supervising authority, as undoubtedly he should be. In the present case I do not plead for a non-official President; I only beg to suggest that the Municipal administration and the Trust administration may be carried on with great efficiency on the one hand, and with great usefulness and educative value to the people on the other hand, if an officer of Government with sufficient status, training and experience, is appointed whole-time President of both the bodies. The Deputy Commissioner of the District, by virtue of the powers vested in him by the Municipal Regulation can always watch, supervise and point out any neglect of duty on the part of the Municipality, and in other ways exercise effective control. Larger and more important

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cities in India, such as the Presidency towns, where nearly the same conditions exist as those in Mysore, have Municipalities presided over by officers who are not the chief executive district officers, without the efficiency of the Municipal administration suffering in any degree, and without any disasterous consequesces ensuing as those apprehended by Mr.Maconochie.

4. In para VI of his memorandum, Mr.Maconochie observes that the executive side of the Board is over-staffed, and doubts whether the most economical use is being made at present of the available funds. With due deference to him

I respectfully beg to demur to the propriety of applying to the work of a public officer and his staff the test detailed therein. If the same test is applied to the work of any Government Officer and his subordinate establishment, the result obtained will be more curious than those pointed out by Mr.Maconochie. The number of papers signed, the amount of money spent per diem, the average value of property acquired per day, and the average value of construction work done per day &c., cannot be considered by themselves, apart from the huge amount of preparatory work in the shape of correspondence, inspection, consideration of details, parleying with parties &c., and many other items of work incidental to the proper discharge of duties.

In the statements appended hereto,

I have collected and tabulated in a convenient form the necessary informations bearing on the questions.

5. Statement A shows the duties of the Chairman and his staff, as far as it is practicable to specify the multifarious business in the Mysore City Improvement Trust Board. It will be seen from the statement that, far from the establishment being over-staffed, expenditure on this head is kept down to its lowest level consistently with general efficiency. The Board started with an establishment costing Rs. 3,200/- a month; but, as the Board began to deal with the improvements of the City, the necessity was felt for increasing the establishment, executive as well as ministerial. The question of the strength of the establishment was year after year discussed in the Board and the approval of the Board signified thereto.

6. Statement B shows the extent of the correspondence business in the Chairman's office, exclusive of communications by D.Os. and memos.

7. Statement C series give facts showing what use has hitherto been made of the funds placed at the disposal of the Board. The main heads of expenditure are acquisition, construction, and establishments charges.

8. Statement C 1 gives details of the acquisition charges as compared with the estimates prepared by the City Improvement Committee prior to the formation of the Trust Board.

9. In connection with the acquisition of properties, it is important to consider (1) whether the original estimates are appreciablly departed from; (2) whether the compensation paid is in excess of the market value; (3) whether the owners of the properties acquired were dissatisfied with the amount of compensation awarded, and whether in consequence the Civil Court had to be resorted to.

10. I believe that these three points are the correct tests to be applied in determining whether under the head of acquisition charges there has been any extravagance. The original estimates are in many cases in excess of the awarded amounts, though in a few they were less. I know of a lrge number of instances in which the Board has paid less than the prices at which the properties had been purchased and improved by the owners. I have already pointed out in a my first memorandum that, out of 4772 properties acquired up to end of June, 1906-07, only 26 cases went up to the Civil Court, involving only questions of title to the money awarded. Thus, from every point of view, the work of acquisition has been carried on satisfactorily without extravagance on the one side, and without hardship on the other.

11. Construction. It is not even hinted that the Board has been otherwise than economical under the head of expenditure.

12. Establishment charges. Mr. Waconochie dwells at considerable length

upon this head of expenditure and wishes to cut it down extensively. After making all the reductions suggested by him, he is able to show a saving of Rs.15,000/ a year. Whether this saving of Rs.15.000 a year is worth securing, at the possible and in my opinion certain, risk of losing in efficiency, is a matter entirely for the consideration of Government. In my memorandum, I have attempted to show how it is possible to effect the same amount of saving without endangering efficiency of work. The appended table shows that during the past three and a half years, though the establishment has cost Rs.1,48,740/-, in reality only Rs.32,665/ have been spent on establishment out of the purely Government grant, the rest of the money having come out of the realisations the Board has been able to secure through a wise and judicious course of business. Thus it is clear that the Board is not open to the accusation of spending its funds otherwise than economically.

13. Mr.Maconochie does not seem to have considered the question of the control over the execution of works to be placed under the charge of the Executive Engineer. I need not say it is essential in the interests of works and money spent on them, that a close supervision is maintained over the actions of the Executive Engineer as is done in the general P.W. Department in regard to the adherence to the sanctioned estimates in every detail, in securing quality

quality of work specified, and in maintaining correct accounts, or, in other words, general professional control is absolutely necessary; which will be wanting in the scheme now proposed by Mr.Maconochie in case the Executive Engineer is placed under the direction of the Deputy Commissioner, a Civil Officer.

14. My long personal acquaintance with Mysore, and my practice in the Mysore Courts for upwards of twenty years, enable me to submit that the work of acquisition of properties in Mysore is not so easy as imagined by Mr.Maconochie and the Vice President. Before the formation of the Trust Board, when properties were acquired for public purposes by Officers not enjoying the confidence of the public, a large number of cases went up to the Law Courts with the almost invariable result that larger sums were decreed than those originally awarded. The friction engendered by such a procedure between the authorities and the people, was not conducive to the best interests of the City. The beneficent efforts of Government were not properly appreciated, and consequently failed to secure the objects intended. Mr.Maconochie recognises the value of the experience gained within the last four years. I sincerely hope that that valuable experience will be considered by Government to afford a justification for continuing the work of improvements on the lines hitherto pursued. I should be sorry if all this experience gained at considerable trouble and cost

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were put aside and a doubtful experiment embarked upon.

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Duties of the Chairman.

In addition to the duties laid down in section 12 of Regulation III of 1903, the following items of work are specially retained under the personal supervision of the Chairman:--

1. Formations of New Extensions.

2. Acquisition and Demolition of properties.

3. The Formation of roads and conservancy lanes in the areas under operations.

4. Disposal of the materials of the dismantled houses acquired by the Board.

5. Disposal of properties vested in and acquired by the Board.

6. Allotment of sites to displaced families, and planting them in extensions and in cleared areas of the City

7. Grant and recovery of Loans.

8. Granting of Licenses for the construction of new houses in the City and for the improvement of the old ones

9. Control over the execution of works in general.

10. Scrutiny of the Improvement Projects before submission to Board and Government.

11. Scrutiny of payments and compilation of accounts of the Trust Board for submission to the Comptroller.

12. Reclamation of the Dadakere Tank Bed, and running a road across it; and the Filling in of the Purnitah's Nallah.

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Statement showing the main items of work done by the officials of the Chairman's office.

MANAGER.

1. To attend to correspondence connected with the Board's meetings.

2. To attend to correspondence with Government and Heads of Department, &c.

3. To pass all drafts before submission to the Chairman.

4. To exercise supervision over all the branches of the office.

HEAD-CLERK.

Correspondence section.

1. To put up all routine drafts.

2. To put up office notes, precis, &c for Chairman's orders.

3. To compare all fair copies of letters and statements.

4. To put up translations of Kanarese petitions whenever necessary.

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SECOND OR DEPUTY CLERK.

1. To maintain Government and Miscellaneous "TO" and "FROM" registers and D.O. register.

2. To put up all references and issue timely reminders.

3. To type all letters, reports &c., and despatch them.

4. To be in charge of the office

records.

THIRD CLERK.

1. To maintain Executive Engineer's "TO" and "FROM" registers.

2. Ti faircopy all routine drafts letter &c.

3. To cppy Declaration Statements, and Estimates in duplicate, and sometimes in triplicate, and all other works incidental to it.

4. To attend to Plague Reports.

FOERTH CLERK
or
Rcord-Keeper, put on license work.

1. To be in charge of the Stationery, and to maintain accounts connected therewith.

2. To attend to the issue of Licenses and other works incidental to it.

WUNSHI.

1. To read Kanarese petitions for the orders of the Chairman, and to attem to orders passed thereon.

2. To attend to Kanarese references received from the Courts, Municipality, and Taluq offices.

3. To maintain "TO" and "FROM" Kanarese registers, the average number of Kanarese petitions received in a year being 2134.

4. To be in charge of the Kanarese Records.

CASHIER.

1. To maintain the Cash Book.

2. To draw Cheques for Bills passed for payment by the Chairman.

3. To draw Receipts for Cheques delivered and payments received to the Mysore City Improvement Trust Fund on account of sale of sites, materials &c.

4. To attend to the preparation of the Periodical Returns.

5. To assist the Accountant in the Compilation of Monthly Accounts.

6. To attend to correspondence and other routine work connected with the Cash transactions.

COMPENSATION SECTION.

ACCOUNTANT Compensation SECTION.

1. To check compensation bills with estimates.

2. To note claims including Court Prohibitory Orders.

3. To prepare Office Notes on conflicting claims.

4. To attend to references to Court under Land Acquisition Regulation.

5. To check Demolition and Cutting and Carting bills.

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STORE-KEEPER or custodian of records in connection with Board's properties.

1. To maintain Stock and Sale Registers connected with

(a) Houses acquired by the Board

(b) Experimental houses constructed by the Board;

(c) Building Sites in the City

(d) Small plots of land adjoining houses in the City;

(e) Sites created in the Extensions;

2. To draw Title Deeds for properties sold.

3. To keep Ledger of Outstandings, and to issue Notices of Demand.

4. To prepare Loan Orders and Bonds and draw Receipts for Instalments paid.

ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT.

1. To maintain Compensation Registers of
   (i) amount paid for properties by Blocks;
   (ii) comparison between actuals and original estimates;

2. To maintain a Register of the extent of houses depolished and materials secured.

3. To maintain a Register of the movements of Displaced Population to guard against Over-crowding.

4. To be in charge of the Records of the Compensation Branch.

DRAWING SECTION.

DRAFTSMAN.

1. To check Plans and Estimates of the several Drainage Projects received from the Executive Engineer, and to attend to the alterations ordered by the Chairman.

2. To prepare Comparative Statements for Revised Estimates, &c.

3. To prepare original Building Plans and Estimates.

4. To check the Plans for new houses received before granting licenses.

5. To furnish information to the

petitioners in regard to the Improvement proposals in the areas of the City not handled by the Board.

6. To attend to the several works connected with the Drawing Branch.

ASSISTANT DRAFTSMAN.

1. To ink the pencils drawings and to trace them.

2. To enlarge or to reduce to scale required, the plans when necessary.

3. Tp prepare Ferro-Type copies of plans, and to mount them.

4. To maintain a register of the Estimates as sanctioned.

5. To assist the Draftsman in preparing and checking estimates, and to be in charge of all the plans, records of the Drawing Branch.

Mysore City Improvement Trust Board.

Statement showing the total number of Communications received in the Chairman's Office, and those despatched therefrom

Items	1903-04		1904-05		1905-06		1906-07		Total	
	From	To	From	To	From	To	From	To	From	To
Miscellaneous including Executive Engineer	806	632	2090	1964	1520	1748	1244	1176	5660	5520
Government	82	92	223	199	198	145	219	150	722	586
D.Os. and Memos				46		222		195		463
Total	888	724	2313	2209	1718	2115	1463	1521	6382	6569

Note:— For the year 1903-04 the figures mentioned above are for six months only, i.e. from 1st January 1904.

M. C. Nicholls
31-8-1907

Showing the average cost of the properties acquired in several Drainage areas as compared with those estimated by the Improvement Committee.

Area	As originally proposed by the Improvement Committee			As actually worked out by the Trust Board till the end of June 1907		
	Number of properties	Estimated cost	average cost per property	No. of properties acquired out of original proposed	Cost incurred for acquisition	average cost paid per property
I Drainage area	691	37,220	54	690	40,690	59
Kalapuri	6	1,673	279	6	800	133
Idga (old)	9	3,332	370	9	3,461	384
Ittigegud	116	22,366	193	116	16,134	139
Nazarbad	295	30,887	105	292	28,850	99
II Drainage area	1,762	257,332	146	1524	184,080	121
Doddaholagere	25	13,778	551	25	12,002	480
Dod Holagere	716	1,24,172	173	698	87,897	126
Extension (New)	13	3,675	283	9	2,510	279
Here filling	17	4,012	236	12	2,164	180
III Drainage area	264	102,242	387	150	35,302	236
Kik Holagere	119	10,906	92	103	8,238	80
Raj Mohalla	436	82,710	190	269	52,903	197

M. Rangaiah
31-8-1912

C II

Statement shewing the total Receipts and Expenditure of the Trust Board for the years 1903-04 to 1906-07

years	Receipts			Expenditure				Percentage of establishment charges including receipts	Percentage of establishment charges including realizations	Remarks
	State grant	Board's Realizations	Total receipts	on acquisition of properties and grant of loans ...	on drainage and other improvement works	on establishment charges	Total expenditure			
1903-04	3,00,000	3,016	3,03,016	76,638	41,153	(a) 19815	137,606			(a) Includes Rs 7116 being the charge of the establishment of the Assistant Engineer in charge of the preliminary operations
1904-05	3,00,000	50,820	3,50,820	246,654	(b) 226,866	38,208	511,728			(b) Includes Rs 74744 paid on account of the purchase of Doulais pipes
1905-06	3,00,000	16,012	316,012	83,350	210,427	43,435	337,212			
1906-07	382,710	46,227	428,937	183,189	131,227	47,282	361,698			
	1,282,710	116,075	1,398,785	589,831	(c) 609,673	148,740	1,348,244	12·4	11·3	(c) Includes Rs 1723 for Tools and Plant
Closing balance							50,541			
							1,398,785			

W. L. Crosthwaite

C. III

Statement shewing the realisations secured and the cost incurred on account of the establishment charges by the Trust Board from 1903-04 to 1906-07

Year	Amount of realizations	Cost of total establishment charges	amount spent on account of establishment charges from purely Government grant	Remarks
1903-04	3,016	⊗ 19,815		⊗ This includes Rs 7116 being the charges of the Assistant Engineer in charge of the preliminary operations before the formation of the Trust Board
1904-05	50,820	38,208		
1905-06	16,012	43,435	32,665	
1906-07	46,227	47,282		
	1,16,075	1,48,740		

⊗ If the amount (Rs 7116) is taken out of consideration the amount spent from purely Government grant on account of the establishment charges of the Trust Board is [illegible]

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Opinion of Mr Mahomed Jaffer Inter 2nd Delphi Lecy

In Contacting the Cost of the Trust Board and of the City Municipality I lay great stress upon increasing the usefulness of the two bodies. In the past while there was no epidemic threatening on the many improvements were all in this City. The appearance of plague necessitated the hurry work to be carried out expeditiously and other bypaces. This led to the creation of body like the Trust Board. The Board has worked up to time with great zeal and tactics to the entire satisfaction of both the Government and the Citizens. Although the epidemic has not yet died out fully, it has undoubtedly decreased to a great extent. I think that by amalgamating the Trust Board with the municipality or appointing a full time Pressde

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to be in charge of both bodies, work cannot be carried out smoothly and efficiently. Hence I am of opinion that the Trust Board must remain in existence as it is.

Having regard to the good work that the Board has hitherto effected I am of opinion that the energy and tact hitherto displayed should by no means subside and no aims spared by the Government at any cost. If in view of the heavy cut a retrenchment is effected I fear the decrease will again work out a great discount which must certainly be avoided by all possible human efforts.

I have however no objection to recommend the reduction of one subdivision seeing that the work has progressed so far as to enable us to curtail the establishment to this extent without danger to public welfare.

2.7.07
Mysore.

M. Gibson

Office of the Board of Trustees
for the Improvement of the City of Mysore.

No. 612 Mysore, Dated, 6th September, 1902.

From

D.Sitarama Rao, Esquire,
Chairman of the Board of Trustees,
Mysore City Improvements.

To

C.S.Balasundaram Iyer, Esquire, B.A.,
Offg: Secretary to the Govt. Of H.H.the Maharaja of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No.610 of the 31st ultimo, I have the honor to submit, in original, the opinion received from Dr.E.S.Krishnaswami Aiyar, Mysore, Civil Surgeon, and Ex-Officio member of the Trust Board, on the dissenting minute of Mr.E.Maconochie referred to in para 2 of my letter quoted above.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Chairman.

E.S.S.

Confidential

From The Chairman
(City Improvement Trust Board Madras.)

To The Secretary to the Gov
H. H. the Maharaja of
Educ. & Rev. Dept

Dated 6th September 1
Despatched
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Enclosure No. One

In Continuation of
Chairman's letter No
610 dated 31st ultimo
Submits the opinion
of Dr. T. S. Krishnamoorthy
Civil Surgeon.

audit necessary for large public works. The Dist Offices have not the time to do so.

The Navamal departments of the Dist Offices are generally far from efficient.

Besides with no engineering qualifications will more over be helpless to check waste of funds on the work estimated for executed by an Engineer.

It will therefore be false economy in my opinion to lose the services of the present president for a saving of 12 or 15 thousand rupees.

Enclosure
Civil Surgeon

Enclosure Chairman's letter No. 81 dt 6.9.07. [illegible]

Opinion of [illegible]
Sir, Civil Surgeon [illegible] 1908

It has been the [illegible] good fortune of the Board that it appointed Engineer President.

Board has been able to secure good value for the money spent on the post & to have its accounts kept in an orderly manner.

It is notorious that corporate bodies are the least efficient to manage their monetary transactions with economy. From my knowledge of the board I may say this reproach does not apply to it. Deputy Commissioner of Dists are not fully conversant with the system of accounts to be

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Proceedings of the Government
of H.H. the Maharaja
of Mysore.

Read again:-

The following orders about the formation of the Board of Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Mysore and sanctioning establishments thereunder.

(1) Government Proceedings No. 56-7 Legis 19-03 dated the 10th November 1903.

(2) Government Notification No. 2615 and Government Proceedings No. 2620-1 dated 25th November 1903.

(3) Government Proceedings No. 3022-23 L F 88-03 dated the 17th February 1904.

(4) Government Proceedings No. 3024-27 L F 88-03 dated the 17th February 1903.

(5) Government Proceedings No. 3031-34 L F 89-03 and Notification No 3035 L.F 89-03 dated the 17th February

Abstract

Orders appointing, as temporary measure, the Commr & Pres of the Mysore City Imp Council Chairman of the Bd of Trustees for the Impt of City of Mysore in place of the whole time Chairman,

February 1904.

(6) Government Proceedings No. 3891-3 Ml. 202-04-2 dated the 12th November 1904.

(7) This Office letter No. 576 Ml. 77-07-1 and Memo No. 577 dated the 17th July 1907 calling for the views of the Board of Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Mysore and the President of the Mysore City Municipal Council as to the advisability of amalgamating the Trust Board with the Municipal Council.

(8) Letter No. dated the 23rd July 1907 from the President of the Mysore City Municipal Council submitting his views in the matter.

(9) Correspondence ending with letter No. 612 dated the 6th September 1907 from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Mysore, submitting the views of the Trustees in the matter of the

proposed

proposed amalgamation of the Trust Board with the Municipal Council.

Order thereon. No. 6862-8 and 77-07-6

Dated Bangalore, the 17th January 01

On a careful consideration of all the arguments adduced for and against the proposed amalgamation of the Board of Trustees with the Municipal Council, Government have come to the conclusion that it is necessary to continue the Board of Trustees as a separate body distinct from the Municipal Council but that the Board does not require any longer the services of a whole time Chairman, and that the Deputy Commissioner ~~being~~ may be appointed ~~as such~~ ex officio chairman. The Government of His Highness the Maharaja are, ~~however~~, of opinion ~~fully aware of the fact~~ that ~~by making~~ while the appointment of the Deputy Commissioner as Chairman will throw additional onerous duties ~~will be thrown~~

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on him, ~~but~~ there are on the other hand certain considerable advantages ~~mostly of a moral nature~~ in entrusting him with the charge of this Department. x The responsibilities of the different sections of the Board have been defined and the officials have also acquired considerable experience in dealing with the people and carrying on the operations, and ~~all that~~ will be chiefly required of the Chairman will be to exercise watchfulness and general control over the working of the Board and bring his influence to bear on the officials in charge of the different sections. The bringing of the ~~two bodies~~ Municipal Council & the Trust Board under one head x will, in addition to securing economy in cost, be also the means of removing friction that has existed between the Board of Trustees and the Municipal Council and furthering the future entire amalgamation of the two bodies when the special work on which the Trust Board is now engaged is completed. The

x During the past four years of the Board's working considerable experience has been gained and the programme of the work to be done has been clearly laid down.

Municipal Vice President having since been relieved of the most onerous of his duties, viz. charge of the conservancy establishment, ~~he~~ will be able to carry out the work of acquisition ~~as efficiently as the present agency~~, and the ~~present~~ Executive Engineer of the Board of Trustees ~~who has so far done excellent work in his own line may be trusted to~~ may be relieved ~~deputed~~ expire to ~~take over~~ carry out satisfactorily both the work of demolition and construction. Under these circumstances Government are pleased to direct, as a tentative measure ~~matter of trial~~, that the Deputy Commissioner and President of the City Municipal Council shall also be the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

2. Government also consider that it wouldbe advantageous to have the Health Officer of the Mysore City Municipality and the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner on the Board of Trustees and that when this is done, it is unnecessary that

that the District Medical and Sanitary Officer should have a seat on the Board. The City of Mysore Improvement Regulation will be amended accordingly.

Govt also consider that there is much scope for reducing the staff of the establishments and the Board are also requested to efficiently carry out the projects of improvements in order to direct that.

3. The following reductions in ~~the establishment under the Board of Trustees~~ should be effected immediately, only one of the three sub Divisions under the Mysore City Improvement Division being retained.

I. Reductions in the Chairman's office establishment.

		Rs
1. Manager (Rs.75-5-100)		100
2. Assistant Accountant		25
3. Record Keeper	..	25
4. Second Clerk	..	35
5. Munshi	..	25
6. Head Draftsman	..	50
7. Storekeeper	..	35
8. One Peon	..	6
Total		301 x 12

= Rs.3,612/- a year.

Incremental pay of the 2nd clerk is said to be Rs 30/- but the 3rd clerk has said to be established for second clerk! Look "2nd clerk - Rs 35" (sd) T.A.R.

II Reductions of establishment under the Executive Engineer of the Mysore City Improvement Division

[illegible] in the establishment [illegible] has been reduced [illegible] Since [illegible] & allowance has been reduced.

Rs 90 on [illegible] also. etc.

		Rs
1.	Two Sub Division Officers @ 100-20-200 plus 35 each (only one of the three sub-divisions being retained)	470/-
2.	Three Sub Overseers @ 50 plus 15 ..	195/-
3.	Three mestries @ 20 to 25 plus 7½	~~97½~~
4.	Four clerks (3 on Rs.20 (1 on Rs.15	75
5.	Four peons on Rs.6 each	24
	Total	861½
	x 12 = 10,338/- a year	

~~Add Chairman's pay 1,000 x 12 = Rs 12,000/- a year~~

~~Total reductions, Rs 25,950/- a year~~

4. The annual grant for the Mysore City Improvement will, with effect from the year 1908-09, be restricted to three lakhs of rupees inclusive of the opening balance in favor of the Board and its income derived from properties.

5. Separate orders will issue as regards the date on which the Chairman ~~handing over~~ should hand over charge of his office to the Deputy Commissioner.

Print)

7/1/08

Offg Secretary.

7/1/08

To

To

The Chairman of the Board of
Trustees for the Improvement
of the City of Mysore
The Deputy Commissioner Mysore Dt
The President of the Mysore City
Municipal Council
The Chief Engineer of Mysore
The Sanitary Commissioner in Mysore
The Senior Surgeon
The Comptroller.

17/1/08

Compiled D.S. & HGK
17.1.08

Proofs
23-1-0

The order has issued in Manuscript.
May final printed copies be called for?
HBS Srg
I think this has to be sent for 3.1.08 the Dewan appr
If so, please send to the undersigned with the Dewan's.
23/1/08.

1907-08

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

LOCAL FUND AND SANITARY (MUNICIPAL)

PROCEEDINGS

Dated: 17th January 1908.

No. Jr. 6862-6 / Ml. 77-07-8

Issuing orders appointing as a tentative measure, the Deputy Commissioner and President of the Mysore City Municipal Council as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Mysore in place of the whole-time Chairman, etc.

Filed.
As the order was issued in Manuscript it is doubtful if the proofs should be sent to the Dewan for appl. The order is not all orders issued in print should be submitted for approval.
HBS Srg
24-1-1908

The Regr said that all orders in print should be sent to the Dewan for appl. Only in the case of Deputy with the Dewan.
HBS Srg
24-1-08

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25-1-08

Issue of

GPB—21-1-8—[illegible]

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Offg. Secy. to Govt., Gen. & Rev. Depts.

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Should be transferred to the proper file

ERD.—C. R.

No. 977

MYSORE GOVERNMENT PRESS,

Bangalore, 11th June 1912

MEMO.

Forwards two copies of first Proof of ~~"B" proceedings, file No. 77 of 1907 of the amalgamation of the Board of Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Mysore with the City Municipal Council~~ (H-8 and I-21) together with originals, with a request that the same may be checked and returned *at an early date*, with "Print" order noted thereon as ordered by Government in Proceedings No. 3463-76—Cir. 42, dated 25th May 1892.

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M. Venkatarama Iyer
Superintendent, Govt. Press.

To
The Secretary to Government,
General and Revenue Department.

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1907-08.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(MUNICIPAL.)

NOTES.

FILE No. 77 OF 1907-08.

Amalgamation of the Board of Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Mysore with the City Municipal Council.

Record of Cases submitted for the orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Budget estimates of the Board of Trustee for the improvement of the City of Mysore for 1907-08.

Order.

I regret the necessity for the curtailment of the grant, but apparently there is no alternative. As regards future years I should prefer to leave the matter open, to be settled according to the financial conditions of the year. I regard the work as urgent, and as we are once for all committed to the scheme, I doubt the economy of prolonging the period over which operations are to extend and during which an expensive special establishment must be maintained. I trust therefore that next year it will be possible to raise the grant to the previous level of three lakhs.

2. In view of the large curtailment of the grant, it should, I think, be considered whether it is necessary to retain the services of a highly paid whole-time chairman. A considerable saving might be effected by making the Deputy Commissioner ex-officio chairman. This arrangement would not, I believe, add very greatly to his work, for the acquisition work could be supervised by the Vice President, who is a member of the Trust or an Officer of Amildar's status could, if necessary, be specially appointed. The advantages of interesting the Deputy Commissioner in the operations and bringing the Municipal Executive into closer touch with the Trust are apparent. Somewhat greater responsibility will be thrown on the Executive Engineer of the Trust. But the present holder of the appointment can safely be entrusted with that and the post will always be held by a specially selected Officer. The Board, may, if desirable, be given the opportunity of expressing their views on the subject, but it is an economy that should, in my opinion, be carried through without delay.

K. R. W.

~~His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.~~

25-6-07.

3. Tell the Board that it has been decided to amalgamate the Trust with the Municipality and make the President Chairman of the Board and ask them for suggestions as to what arrangements are necessary to give effect to this scheme who should have charge of acquisition work—whether it may not be entrusted to the Vice President and what additional powers and responsibilities should be assigned to the Executive Engineer of the Trust.

~~S. R.~~

26-6-07.

4. Please put up drafts.

~~C. S. B.~~

~~23-6.~~

(1) Sanctioning budget as revised reducing grant by 82,710 and

(2) to Chairman Board of Trustees as directed in the Dewan's orders.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER.

27-6-07.

~~H. V. K.~~

~~27-6-07.~~

5. (1) Draft order is submitted.

(2) Draft of a letter is submitted. May this letter be marked confidential?

H. RAMAIYA.

29-6-07.

H. V. K.

23-6-07.

6. Issue draft No. (1) and submit draft II to Dewan through 1st Councillor.

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer
30-6-07.

7. I have altered the draft somewhat on the lines of a cautious reservation of final decision.

(2) I think the draft may be marked confidential, and that copy may be sent to the Deputy Commissioner of the Mysore District also for his remarks and suggestions. (It is a pity that that the Deputy Commissioner is not on the Trust Board.)

(3) However desirable amalgamation of the Trust Board and the Municipal Council may be, the way of effecting it and the ways of working the amalgamation when it is an accomplished fact are, in the peculiar circumstances of the Mysore City, extremely difficult delicate matters. If I support the idea of amalgamation, it is very much less for altering the powers and position of the Trust Board than as a means of whipping the Municipal executive into anything like decent efficiency, and of training them on the lines on which they will have to ~~[illegible]~~ when the Trust Board, finishing its work ceases to exist. It would be a mistake to suppose that because the Trust Board, with Mr. Sitarama Row as Chairman, and Mr. Naconochie as member, have hitherto worked with conspicuous success and without occasion for public dissatisfaction, what remains of the Trust Board's work is easy. The mistake would be as serious as underrating the task of artistes, taming bears and Tigers.

~~T. ANANDA ROW.~~
2-7-07. J.A.R.

8. The Dewan has approved of the draft as revised by the 1st Councillor.

By order,
K. MATTHAN.
15-7-07.

9. Issue.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
17-7-07.

1. To the Chairman No. 576, dated 17th July 1907.

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Forwards a copy of the above for his remarks and suggestions, if any, on the Scheme.

2. The President of the Mysore City Municipal Council No. dated 23rd July 1907.

States that the Municipal Council and the Trust Board may be combined and placed under one officer for their direction and guidance, but, if it is thought that the combined work would be too much for the Deputy Commissioner the Chairman of the Trust may be made the President of the Municipal Council as well in the interests of the Municipality and that, in case it is decided to talk on the work to the Deputy Commissioner he would require the services of a capable Amildar to help him in the acquisition, as it is undesirable to burden the Vice-President of the Municipal Council with this work as he will have his hands full if he attends to his own legitimate duties and suggests the name of Mr. C. Krishna Rao, under orders of transfer to Nelamangala as the fittest man for the special work.

10. The views of the Board of Trustees have not been received.

11. The President of states that the Vice-President has enough to do and that the acquisition work should not be talked on to him. It is a point for consideration whether the Health Officer newly appointed does not relieve the Vice-President much of his work. (Conservancy and to enable him to attend to the comparatively light work of acquiring hands etc.

Para 29, of Government Proceedings No. 2345-6—San. (169-06)-2, dated 9th April 1907.

H. V. K. S. M. J.
24-7-07.

12. Submitted for orders as to whether the Chairman's report may be awaited.

H. RAMAIYA.
24-7-07.

13. A letter from the Chairman has been received to day. Please put it up also.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER.
25-7-07.

From the chairman No. 590, dated 23rd July 1907.

Submits a copy of the proceedings of the Board dated the 23rd July 1907 resolving that a sub-Committee be appointed to formulate a scheme for the amalgamation of the Board of Trustees and the Municipal Council, and to draw up a statement shewing what savings in the establishment could be effected under the proposed scheme and that this be considered at a special meeting to be convened ten days hence.

14. Submitted.

H. V. K. S. M. J.
25-7-07.

H. RAMAIYA.
25-7-07.

15. The proposals of the committee may I think be awaited.

C. S, BALASUNDARAM IYER.
26-7-07.

~~Dewan through the Government.~~

T. A. R.
29-7-07.

~~16.~~ Seen by Dewan.

K. MATTHAN.
1-8-07.

3 From the Chairman No. 599 dated 10th August 1907.

Submits a copy of the proceedings of a special meeting of the Board held on the 10th August 1907 anent the contemplated amalgamation of the Board of Trustees with the Municipal Council.

4 From the Chairman No. 610, dated the 31st August 1907.

Submits the memoranda of the Sub-Committee appointed by the Board on 23rd July 1907, the letter of Mr. Venkatakrishnayya, the minute of Mr. Maconochie dissenting from the views of the Sub-Committee and the opinions of Messrs. M. C. Rangaiyengar, G. Hunumantha Rao, (Vice-President), M. Anantharajayya and Mahammed Jaffer Saheb and states that the other members have been asked to forward their opinions and that they will be submitted when received.

5 From the Chairman No. 612, dated 6th September 1907.

Forwards Dr. E. S. Krishnaswamy Aiyer's opinion dated 5th September 1907, to the effect that the Board of Trustees with the present chairman may be continued.

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on the 23rd July 1907, the Board appointed a Sub-committee consisting of :—

(i) the Chairman,
(ii) the Vice-President of the Mysore city municipal council, and
(iii) Mr. M. C. Rangaiengar for formulating a scheme for the amalgamation of the Trust with the Municipal Council and drawing up a statement showing what savings in the establishments could be effected under the proposed Scheme.

Mr. M. C. Rangaiyengar drew up a memorandum in which he suggests the following alternative schemes.

(a) The abolition of the Trust and the transfer of the functions of the Trust Board to the Municipal Council, and the appointment of a full time President for the Council till the improvements are fully carried out.

(b) Retaining the two bodies distinct from each other, but presided over by one officer, who may be

(i) Either the Deputy Commissioner of the District or
(ii) the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. M. C. Rangaiyengar seems to be in favour of having both the bodies as at present. If curtailment of expenditure on establishment is considered necessary he states that the Trust Board be abolished and that a full time President be appointed to the Municipal Council till the City improvements are fully carried out. He adds that the full time President should be a gentleman "who possesses the necessary professional (Engineering) knowledge and experience and who is capable of dealing with the various difficult administrative and economic problems which will inevitably arise in displacing and planting population." He considers that there would be no necessity for a salaried Vice-President and a separate Engineer for the Municipality under this Scheme.

The Vice-President of the Mysore City Municipal council is for the amalgamation of the Trust with the Municipal council but strongly condemns the appointment as President of any officer other than the Deputy Commissioner of the Mysore District. He thinks that the Vice-President can manage the acquisition work and that no extra establishment is necessary on this account.

The Chairman of the Trust is not in favour of the amalgamation of the Board with the Municipal Council but is in favour of having one presiding officer for both the bodies.

Mr. Maconochie is not in favour of amalgamating the two bodies but is for the appointment of the Deputy Commissioner of the District as Chairman of the Board in place of the full-time Chairman, and for the appointment of a 1st grade Amildar or a last grade Assistant Commissioner for helping the Deputy Commissioner in the acquisition work.

Mr. M. C. Rangaiyengar differs from Mr. Maconochie in the view taken by the latter that it is already necessary that the Deputy Commissioner of the Mysore District should be the Chairman-President.

~~22.~~ Messrs. Venkatakrishnayya, Mahammed Jafer Saheb and Anantharajayya are of opinion that the present state of thing may continue. Mr. Anantharajayya states that the work of aquisition should not be separted from that of construction and that both should go hand in hand.

~~23.~~ Mr. Krishnasawmi Iyer is not in favor of a change for the sake of a few thousand rupees.

~~24.~~ From the papers now submitted by the Chairman it is clear that the establishment charges admit of reduction. The reduction proposed by the several members is given below :—

(i) *Mr. M. C. Rangaiyengar.*—Rs. 8,622 under the Trust, Rs. 7,200 under the Municipal Council. (The above figures do not take into account the Deputy Commissioner Chairman's allowance and the cost of special establishment for acquisition which are estimated by this member at Rs. 6,120 per annum).

(ii) *By the Vice-President.*—Rs. 26,505 under the Trust (The Deputy Commissioner Chairman's allowance at Rs. 200 a month has been taken into account).

(iii) *By Mr. Maconochie.*—Between Rs. 18,540 and Rs. 15,000 under the Trust. (The Deputy Commissioner Chairman's allowance and the acquisition officer's pay amounting in all to Rs. 6,000 have been taken into account).

(iv) *By Mr. Mahammed Jafer.*—Reduction of one Sub-Division Officer under the Trust.

(v) *By Mr. Venkatakrishnayya.*—Unnecessary establishments in the Municipal Board be abolished or suspended till the improvement work of the City is completed. (Amount not specified).

(vi) *By Mr. Anantharajayya.*—Attempts should be made to curtail establishments as far as practicable without detriment to efficiency.

~~25.~~ It is submitted that the question of reduction of establishment will have to be considered when orders are passed on the main point at issue.

~~26.~~ Submitted for orders.

H. V. K., S. M. J.
9-9-1907.

H. RAMAIYA.
9-9-07.

~~27.~~ The bulk of the Trustees are against the amalgamation of the trust with the Municipal Board either by abolishing the Trust Board or by constituting the Deputy Commissioner and Municipal President as Chairman of the Trust Board. The minutes of the Trustees go into the details of the case.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER.
12-9-07.

~~28.~~ First Councillor's note Camp Mysore dated 8th October 1907.

(1) The various aspects of the case have been so fully discussed in the minutes of the members of the Trust Board that I have no desire unnecessarily to add to the voluminous literature on the subject. I will therefore content myself by saying that I concur with the unofficial members of the Trust Board who have recorded their opinion with a brevity simplicity and directness equalled only by their noteworthy unanimity in favor of maintaining the Municipal Council and the Trust Board as the two separate entities which they now are under different Presidents, and of effecting such reductions in their respective establishments as may be considered feasible apart from ideas of amalgamation of the two Bodies or of the two offices of Presidents thereof.

Messrs. Rangiengar, Ananta Rajayya, Venkatakrishnayya, Mahomed Jaffer.

(2) The Deputy Commissioner on being consulted has strongly advocated the amalgamation of the two bodies owing to friction between them. The questions in respect of which such friction arises are not described in the letter, nor are examples given. But I suppose that they are all in respect of

(a) Acquisition and demolition of Houses and

(b) Granting permits to construct new or reconstruct old Houses.

If this is so, a rule that the Trust Board shall be invariably consulted in all these cases throughout the City, and that their decision shall prevail would settle the matter. Such a rule would only be right and reasonable in view of the fact that in-as-much-as what the Trust Board is now doing consists of correcting the errors of the past in the matter of house construction which the Trust Board may have to undo.

(3) Mr. Maconochie's minute dated 9th August 1907 contains at para 5 very good reasons why the Trust Board should be maintained as a body separate and distinct from the Municipal Council. But there is one consideration not mentioned there which to my mind dominates the situation. It is that Government gives a large grant annually from the State

Therefore Should no longer be any horse-for consideration

Funds for the Sanitary improvements of the Capital of the State, and Government cannot reconcile themselves to the idea of entrusting the expenditure of these grants to a Municipal Council though it be the Municipal Council of Mysore City. In a judicious administration of these funds, extensive properties have to be acquired, houses and streets have to be constructed with proper drainage and other works, and the duties connected with all this and with the exercise of the necessary statutory powers are such that they require a separate agency like the Trust Board with a much greater continuity of existence than could be found in the City Municipal Council with its system of triennial elections and with its President liable to be shifted according to the exigencies of the wider public service to which he belongs, and certainly with a much greater responsibility to Government than could at all be found in the Municipal Council. In view of this fact, more than any other, I think the Trust Board should remain as a separate body by itself.

(4) Some good reasons are also given at para 4 of Mr. Maconochie's minute as to why the Deputy Commissioner should not be separated from the Municipality but remain President of the Municipal Council. It might perhaps make no difference at Bangalore. But at Mysore which is the ceremonial Capital of the State, it is found desirable that the Deputy Commissioner should also be the President of the Municipality. Mr. Rangiengar has ably argued on the opposite side. But the question need not be labored here because it does not now lie within the sphere of practical politics.

(5) The two bodies *viz.*, the Trust Board and the Municipal Council being maintained as separate entities, and the Deputy Commissioner being President of the latter, it remains for me to consider whether he may also be the President of the Trust Board. I would say yes if he could. But the fact most decidedly is, he could not. He cannot attend personally to the thousand and one all important details of work, while to entrust any part of house acquisition and house construction to subordinates would be disastrous. In this opinion all "old residents" of Mysore City would probably be found to concur.

(6) I am thus led to the conclusion which I stated at the outset of this note. I would leave the present arrangements without radical changes. The arrangements have worked as well as could be expected. With the happy conception of a Trust Regulation and with an equally happy selection of the Chairman of the Trust Board to work it, we have got on remarkably well, and I would leave well alone. I wonder whether there would be any objection to transfer the Municipal Public Work Department to the Trust Board. By such transfer, those who will have to maintain the works which the Trust Board are constructing will, in good time, be associates with those who are constructing them and will thus be acquiring the knowledge and experience required for efficient maintenance of the works.

(7) Reductions in establishments are probably feasible. But they would require to be considered on their intrinsic merits and apart from the large question under discussion.

T. ANANDA ROW.
First Councillor.

30 35. (1) The matter is of sufficient importance to be brought up at a Council meeting for discussion.

(2) The Deputy Commissioner should always be the President of the Municipal Council. This is the more necessary in Mysore City for the various reasons given in Mr. Maconachies note. Even in Bangalore City the experiment of a full-time President was tried on two different occasions, but without success. Such an experiment in Mysore City would be disastrous in its consequences.

(3) The Trust Board (which by the way is a misnomer as there are no trust funds properly so called) is a Board constituted by Government for the administration of the funds granted out of the general revenues of the state for the improvement of the Mysore City. It is as much a Government Department as any division of the Public Works Department Mr. Maconochie has shown in his note that the present staff is excessive and may be considerably curtailed and that the Deputy Commissioner may be made *ex officio* Chairman of the Trust Board. In this opinion I am inclined to agree. A less costly machinery than the one considered necessary at the outset can now be found sufficient. And it will be an advantage in the long run to co-ordinate the two bodies and enlist the sympathy and Co-operation of the Municipal Council in the work of the Trust Board which can only be achieved by associating the Deputy Commissioner as Chairman of the Trust Board. The Executive Engineer of the Trust Board will have charge of all construction work and his professional work will be supervised by the Chief Engineer. The acquisition and other cognate work can be easily done, under the Deputy Commissioner's supervision and I do not anticipate there will be any difficulty or trouble. The ground has been cleared and the way made easy. The authority and influence of the Deputy Commissioner and particularly of one in the position of the present Deputy Commissioner ought if anything to make the work easier.

(4) Another point to be considered is whether we shall be able to make such large grants in future for this particular work. Other insanitary places are clamouring for state aid which has been grudgingly given so far. It is therefore necessary to cut down superflous staff and carry on the Improvement Work on a more economical scale.

(5) I yield to no one in my appreciation of the good work done by Mr. Sitarama Rao, but it is no longer necessary to retain this costly appointment.

K. P. PUTTANNA CHETTY,
2nd Councillor.

8-10-07.

~~32. Submitted to Dewan.~~

~~C. S. BALAGUNDARAM IYER.~~
~~9-10-07.~~

Dewan's Order.

32 Please bring up before a meeting of Council early.

K. MATTHAN.
11-10-07.

33 ~~33.~~ Extract from the Proceedings of the 185th Meeting of the Council of His Highness the Maharaja, held at Mysore on the 21st November 1907.

I. Subject.—(Clause VIII of the Schedule).

Amalgamation of the Mysore City Improvement Trust Board with the City Municipal Council.

OPINION.

(1) Under the existing condition of the finances and in consideration of the even more urgent claims of Cities like Shimoga, Seringapatam, Nanjangud to mention only a few among the many towns similarly situated, it is a question if more than two lakhs of rupees a year can be made available for the improvement of the Mysore City. This was the limit also mentioned in Council Resolution of 10th June 1907.

(2) If it is decided that the grant should be reduced there will be no justification for maintaining the present costly establishment. The reduction is also justifiable on other grounds.

(3) That such establishment under existing circumstances is capable of reduction even without a reduction in the grant is the opinion of members of the Board and particularly of Mr. Maconochie who was largely responsible for the establishment of the Board.

(4) There is also a concensus of opinion that for the efficient carrying out of the objects of the Improvement Trust, the Trust Board should be maintained as an independent body. The only point on which there is a difference is whether the Trust Board should have an independent Chairman—preferably the present Chairman—or whether it can well be placed under the charge of the Deputy Commissioner who is also President of the Municipality. The Council are fully aware of the fact that by making the Deputy Commissioner Chairman, additional onerous duties will be thrown on an officer who is already burdened with sufficiently heavy responsibilities. There are on the other hand certain advantages mostly of a moral nature in entrusting him with the charge of this Department. As regards the work also the Chairman will not have the same existing duties now as he had in the earlier stages of the Board's operations.

(5) Considerable experience has been gained during the operations of the Board which has been working these five years, and the programme of the work to be done has been clearly laid down. The responsibilities of the different sections of the Board have been defined and the officials have also acquired considerable experience in dealing with the people and carrying out the operations, in other words, as every branch of the Department has fallen into a certain routine, all that will be required of the Chairman will be to exercise watchfulness and general control over the working of the Board and bring his influence to bear on the officials in charge of the different sections. Since the proposals were originally sent to the Board for opinion the Municipal Vice-President has been relieved of the most onerous of his duties, *viz.*, charge of the conservancy establishment. He is also personally a capable revenue officer and the Deputy Commissioner himself has every confidence in his ability to carry out the work of acquisition as efficiently as the present agency.

(6) The present Executive Engineer of the Board has so far done excellent work in his own line and may be trusted to carry out satisfactorily both the work of demolition and construction. The bringing of the two bodies under one head will, in addition to securing economy in cost, be the means of removing the friction that has existed between the Trust Board and the Municipality, and furthering the future entire amalgamation of the two bodies when the special work on which the Board is now engaged is completed; for if the experience of Bangalore is any guide in this matter a special Engineering establishment at least should be maintained to attend to improvements for many years to come and it is an advantage that we should learn to work in harmony with the Municipal Board from now.

(7) The other reductions in staff suggested by Mr. Maconochie in his Note may also be carried out, only one Sub Division being retained.

(8) The Council would take this opportunity of recommending the appointment of the Health Officer and the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner on the Board and the Regulation may be amended accordingly.

Note.—The First Councillor dissents from the views expressed above and is of opinion that the grant should be maintained at three lakhs and increased if practicable so as to be in a position to carry out the programme as early as possible. He also thinks that one Sub-Division may be abolished and the remaining two retained. He is also of opinion that a separate Chairman should be retained. His views are fully expressed in his note dated 5th October 1907.

Extract from the Proceedings of the 168th Meeting of the Council of His Highness the Maharaja, held at Bangalore on Monday the 10th June 1907.

IV. Subject.—(Clause III of Schedule).

Budget estimates of the Mysore City Improvement Trust Board for 1907-08.

OPINION.

An additional grant of Rs. 82,710 was sanctioned in February 1907 from State Funds for the acquisition and demolition of insanitary houses in Krishnaraja Mohalla, a work which pertains to City Improvement and which the Trust Board should have carried out from the normal grant of three lakhs, had a sufficient balance been then available out of it. The Council is of opinion that the grant for 1907-08 should be reduced by the said sum, and fixed at Rs. 2,17,290 and that, in view of the necessity that exists for curtailing expenditure in all directions, the grants to the Trust Board may be reduced to two lakhs per annum in succeeding years.

34. ~~39.~~ *Submitted to His Highness.*

(1) In para two of order dated 25th June 1907 on the Budget Estimates of the Mysore City Improvement Trust Board, His Highness was pleased to direct that the question whether it was necessary to retain the services of a highly paid whole-time Chairman for the Board, should be considered.

(2) The Trust Board and the Deputy Commissioner of Mysore were consulted in the matter, and their views have been carefully considered. The opinion of the Council on the subject is embodied in the accompanying extract from the Council Proceedings. The Council consider, (the First Councillor dissenting,) that in view of the urgent claims of other towns, the annual grant for the improvement of the Mysore City may be reduced to two lakhs, that the Deputy Commissioner and President of the Municipality may be made *ex-officio* Chairman of the Trust Board, that the Vice-President of the Municipality may be entrusted with the work of acquisition, and the Executive Engineer of the Trust Board with the work of demolition and construction and that the reductions in staff mentioned in the statement attached to Mr. Maconochie's note of the 19th August may be sanctioned.

(3) The Council also consider that the Health Officer of the Mysore City and the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner should be appointed members of the Trust Board.

(4) The First Councillor is of opinion that the grant should not be reduced, but should, if possible, be raised and that the Trust Board should continue to have a whole-time Chairman.

(5) I submit the papers for His Highness' orders. V. P. M. 27. 11. 1907.

Order.

~~40.~~ I agree that the proposed scheme, under which the services of a whole time Chairman are dispensed with, and the work is entrusted to the Deputy Commissioner may be given a trial. I deprecate the reduction of the annual grant. The reduction will entail the spreading of the work over a longer period and the continued maintenance of the special establishment. I agree however that the grant may be reduced, with the proviso that the total income of the board, including opening balance and income derived from properties does not fall below three lakhs.

~~41.~~ The Deputy Sanitary Commissioner and the Health Officer may be appointed Members of the Trust. With these officers on the Board it seems questionable whether the services of the District medical Officer are required.

K. R. W.
~~His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.~~
10-12-07

~~42.~~ The Dewan directs that, in issuing orders on this case, it may be indicated that the reductions in the Establishment may be carried out immediately, but that as regards the Chairman handing over charge to the Deputy Commissioner, further orders will issue as to the date on which this is to be done.

By order
K. Matthan
11. 12. 07

~~V. P. M.~~
~~11-12-07.~~

~~43.~~ Please prepare draft.

C. S. B.
13-12-07.

39 ~~44.~~ Draft order is submitted.

40 ~~45.~~ After the issue of orders in this case, a separate note will be submitted as regards the amendment of section 4 of the City of Mysore Improvement Regulation.

[Note.—No orders have been passed as regards the Deputy Commissioner's allowance as Chairman.]

H. V. K., S. M. J.
23-12-07.

41 ~~46.~~ Draft submitted to the 1st Councillor.

H. RAMAIYA.
27-12-07.

42 ~~47.~~ The Draft may be approved ~~to the Dewan.~~

~~T. ANANDA RAO.~~ J.A.R.
~~8-1-08.~~ 3 Jany 08.

43 ~~48.~~ The Dewan thinks that a long order like the one now put up detailing the opinion of the different officers/bodies consulted is unnecessary and desires that a draft order only giving the reasons (for the decision) and the decision of Government may be put up very early.

R. Markham
6.1.08

44 ~~49.~~ Mr. Ramaiya, will you kindly revise the order and let me see it.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER.
6-1-08.

45 ~~50.~~ Please see the draft as revised. ~~If approved, will be typed.~~

H. RAMAIYA.
7-1-08.

~~51. Typed draft is submitted.~~

~~H. V. K.~~
~~7-1-08.~~

46. ~~52.~~ Revised draft sent herewith.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER.
8-1-08.

47 ~~53.~~ Draft approved by the Dewan on 15th January 1908.

48 ~~54.~~ Issue draft.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER.
17-1-08.

6. *To the Chairman, Deputy Commissioner of the Mysore District, President of the Mysore City Municipal Council, Chief Engineer, Sanitary Commissioner, Senior Surgeon and Comptroller No. 6862-8, dated 17th January 1908.*

Issuing orders appointing, as a tentative measure, the Deputy Commissioner and President of the Mysore City Municipal Council as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Improvement of the City in place of the wholetime Chairman, dispensing with the services of certain establishments, directing the appointment on the Board of Trustees of the Health Officer and the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner and the removal of the Civil Surgeon from the Board and stating that the annual state grant to the Board will, with effect from 1908-09, be restricted to 3 lacs of rupees inclusive of the opening balance in favour of the Board and its income derived from properties.

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Amalgamation of the Board of Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Mysore with the City Municipal Council.

FILE No 77 OF 1907.

Letter No. 576, dated 17th July 1907, from C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B. A. Offg. Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments to D. Sitarama Rao, Esq., Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Mysore.

Serial No. 1

I am directed to inform you that in view of the large curtailment of the grant for City Improvement during the year 1907-08, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are of opinion that expenditure on establishments should be c d as much as possible, and that with a view to promote Co-ordination of action and to sympathy and interest of the Municipal Council in what is being done by the the Trust should be amalgamated with the Municipality. It is beleived that such ent will have the effect of interesting the Deputy Commissioner of the District ons without adding materially to his work, and of bringing the Municipal oser touch with the Trust. One way of giving effect to this scheme would be work of ac uisition of properties from that of construction of works by entrust- r or a s o t e ice President of the City Municipal Council or to a special cer e status o an mildar, and assigning if need be more powers and responsibilities to the Executive Engineer, of the Trust. I am to request that you will be so good as to place the matter before the Board for careful consideration and Elaboration and to submit their views to Government at a very early date.

No. 577, dated 17th July 1907.

Copy of the above is forwarded to the President of the Mysore City Municipal Council, with the request that the Government may be favoured with his remarks and suggestions if any on the above scheme.

Letter No. 590, dated Mysore 23rd July 1907, from D. Sitarama Rao, Esq., Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mysore City Improvements, to C. S. Balasundaram Iyer Esq., B. A., Offg. Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments.

With reference to Secretary's letter (confidential) No. 576—Ml. (77-07-1) of the 17th instant, regarding the Trust Board establishments, I have the honor to report that the subject was placed before the Board at a special meeting held this morning, and a copy of the resolution passed thereon is submitted for information.

Proceedings of a special meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Improvements of the City of Mysore, held on the 23rd July 1907, Mr. D. Sitarama Rao, Chairman.

Trustees.

Present.	*Absent.*
Mr. E. Maconochie, I. C. S.	
Dr. E. S. Krishnaswami Aiyar, Civil Surgeon.	
Mr. G. Hanumantha Rao, Vice President.	
Mr. Mahamed Jaffer Sahib.	Nil
Mr. M. Anantharajaiya.	
Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya.	
Mr. M. C. Ranga Iyengar.	

All the members met, as previously arranged, at 8 A.M., at the Chairman's office to consider General and Revenue Secretary's letter (confidential) No. 576—Ml. (77-07-1) of the 17th instant, a copy of which was sent to each member separately. After discussing the subject matter in all its bearings, it was resolved.

I. that a sub-committee consisting of the Chairman, Mr. M. C. Ranga Iyengar, and the Vice President of the Municipal Council, be appointed to formulate a scheme for the amalgamation of the two bodies, and to draw up a statement showing what savings in the establishment could be effected under the proposed scheme, and that this be considered at a special meeting to be convened ten days hence.

II. That the Chairman be requested to address the President of the Mysore City Municipal Council to place at the disposal of the sub-committee, through the Vice President, such information regarding the Municipal establishments as the Committee may require.

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Letter No. , dated 23rd July 1907, from M. Kantaraja Urs, Esq., President Mysore City Municipal Council to C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq Secretary to the Government of Mysore General and Revenue Department.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your memo No. 577—Ml. Serial No. 2
77-07 of 17th July 1907 forwarding a copy of your letter No. 576—Ml.
77-07-1 of the same date to the address of the Chairman of the Improvement Trust Board of the Mysore City, I may be permitted to say that the proposed of Government to amalgamate the Trust Board with the Municipal Council has not come a day too soon. When I say this, it is not with any personal or selfish motives that I do so. Ever since I took charge of this district, I have been carefully watching the working of the Trust Board and I am constrained to remark that there has been anything but cordiality between the Municipal Council on the one hand and the Trust Board on the other. There is a distinct and unmistakable tendency on the part of the Trust Board to encroach upon and usurp the legitimate powers and responsibilities of the Municipal Council which of course had to be opposed. When this was done, it followed naturally that the Trust Board tried to run counter to the interests of the Municipal Council whenever there was an opportunity. It is unnecessary for me to observe what effect such conflict of interests would have upon the working of these respective corporate bodies.

The Municipal Council is a permanent institution and their responsibilities to the rate payers are very great, whereas the Trust Board is after all an Institution created for a special purpose and a definite period and it cannot reasonably be expected to put itself in the position of the Municipality or to work with the same interest for the welfare of the community.

It is therefore high time that both these bodies should be combined and placed under one head for their direction and guidance. If it is thought that the combined work would be too much for the Deputy Commissioner of the district to perform satisfactorily, the Chairman of the Trust Board may be made the President of the Municipality as well in the interests of the Municipality. Divided counsel and conflict of interest such as now prevail owing to the existence of two separate independent ~~centre~~ are by no means conclusive to good work. The sooner such an undesirable state of things ceases to exist, the better it is for all concerned.

In case Government should finally decide to tack the work on to me as the President of the Municipality, I shall require the services of a capable Amildar to help me in the acquisition of the properties. The Vice President will have his hands pretty full, if he attends to his own legitimate duties. I would not therefore over burden him with this extra work.

Letter No. 599, dated 10th August 1907, from D. Sitarama Rao, Esq., Chairman of the Board of Trustees Mysore City Improvements, to C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B. A. Offg. Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments.

In continuation of my letter No. 590 of the 23rd ultimo, *in re* the Trust Board establishments, I have the honor to submit for information a copy of Serial No. 3
the proceedings of a special meeting of the Board of Trustees convened on the morning of the 10th instant, in accordance with para-I of its resolution dated 23rd July 1907.

Proceedings of a special meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Improvements of the City of Mysore, held on the 10th August 1907 at 8 A. M. Mr. D. Sitarama Rao, Chairman

Trustees.

Present.	*Absent.*
1. Mr. E. Maconochie, I. C. S.	
2. Dr. K. S. Krishnaswami Aiyar, Civil Surgeon.	
3. Mr. G. Hanumantha Rao, Vice President.	Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya.
4. M. C. Ranga Iyengar.	
5. Mr. Mahamud Jaffer Sahib.	
6. Mr. M. Anantharajaiya.	

The memoranda, copies of which were sent to all the members previously, were placed before the Board.

The letter sent by Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya, containing his views on the memoranda of the Sub-Committee, was read to the members, as Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya could not attend the meeting.

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Amalgamation of the Board of Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Mysore with the City Municipal Council.

After discussing the memoranda of the Sub-Committee,

I. it was resolved that it is undesirable to amalgamate the two bodies—Municipal and Trust Boards,—Mr. G. Hanumantha Rao dissenting;

II. resolved also that the Trust Board be kept as it is, subject to any reduction in Subordinate Establishment that may be decided upon in future, Mr. E. Maconochie dissenting; and he puts in his reasons; and

III. resolved that the views of Mr. E. Maconochie be circulated to the members of the Trust to enable them to express an opinion; and that, on receipt of their opinion by the Chairman, the foregoing resolution, the memoranda of the Sub-Committee, and the written opinion of the members of the Board, be submitted to Government.

Letter No. 610, Mysore, dated 31st August—2nd September 1907, from D. Sitarama Rao, Esquire, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mysore City Improvements, to C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A., Officiating Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments.

Serial No. 4.

In continuation of my letter No. 599 of the 10th instant, I have the honor to submit the memoranda of the Sub-Committee appointed under resolution (I) passed at the special meeting of the Board held on the 23rd ultimo for considering the Revenue and General Secretary's letter (confidential) No. 576—Ml. 77-07-1 of the 17th idem. A letter dated 9th instant, from Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya, containing his views on the memoranda, asked to be placed before the Board for consideration as he could not be present, is also submitted.

2. The dissenting minute of Mr. Maconochie on the memoranda of the Sub-Committee was circulated to all the other members for their opinion as resolved on the 10th instant, (copy of resolution is enclosed for ready reference). The opinions received from the marginally noted members, are submitted for perusal.

Mr. M. C. Ranga Iyengar.
Mr. G. Hanumantha Rao, Vice-President.
Mr. M. Anantharajaiya.
Mr. Mahomed Jaffer Saib.

3. The other members have been asked for to forward their opinions as early as possible, and no sooner they are received, they will be submitted.

MEMORANDUM.

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees held on the 23rd July 1907, the following resolution was passed :—

"All the members met, as previously arranged, at 8 a.m. at the Chairman's office, to consider General and Revenue Secretary's letter (confidential) No. 576—Ml. 77-07-1, dated 17th instant, a copy of which was sent to each member separately. After discussing the subject matter in all its bearings it was resolved :—

(1) that a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Mr. M. C. Ranga Iyengar, and the Vice-President of the Municipal Council, be appointed to formulate a scheme for the amalgamation of the two bodies, and to draw up a statement showing that savings in the establishments could be effected under the proposed scheme, and that this be considered at a special meeting to be convened ten days hence;

(2) that the Chairman be requested to address the President of the Mysore City Municipal Council to place at the disposal of the Sub-Committee through the Vice-President, such informations regarding the Municipal Establishments as the Committee may require."

2. In the letter from the Secretary to Government, General and Revenue Departments, to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees dated 17th July 1907, it is observed,

(a) that owing to the large curtailment of the grant for the Mysore City Improvements during 1907-08, it has become necessary to curtail expenditure on establishments;

(b) and to secure co-ordination of action and mutual sympathy and interest between the Trust Board and the Municipality, it is desirable to amalgamate the two bodies.

Further suggestions are made to separate the work of acquisition from that of construction, to entrust the acquisition work to the Vice-President of the Municipality as a special

officer, and to assign more powers and responsibilities to the Executive Engineer of the Trust.

3. (1) Before offering my opinion on the question referred to us, I deem it necessary to point out that the Regulation grant for the Improvement work is three lakhs of rupees a year; but, that by reason of a special allotment of Rs. 82,000 made for clearing the congestion in Krishnaraj Mohalla last year when plague reappeared in that locality in a virulent form, the grant for 1907-08 has been reduced to Rs. 2,18,000. This sum represents the Government grant for the current year. A sum of Rs. 50,000 out of the available realisations of the properties of the Trust Board, has to be added to the Government grant. Out of the Rs. 82,000, specially granted to Krishnaraj Mohalla, only Rs. 52,000 could be expended last year by reason of the grant having been made late in the year, and a sum of Rs. 30,000 is available for being worked out during the current year. So that, the Trust Board has Government grant, Trust Board realisations, balance of special grant, for current year's expenditure a sum which is short of three lakhs only by Rs. 2,000. Taking into account the practice hitherto obtaining in the Trust Board with the sanction of Government of utilising current year's realisations wholly or in part for the Trust work, the Board will have a considerable sum of money in the shape of the sale proceeds of the Trust properties as the year advances; which money will also become available for Improvement works. It is estimated that within six months the Trust Board will be able to realise Rs. 25,000. Thus the Trust Board will have much more than three lakhs of rupees to work out during the current year. I venture, therefore, to state that the curtailment of the Government grant for the current year has not materially diminished the resources of the Trust Board, and does not by itself necessitate reduction of expenditure on establishment, which, by reason of the extensive area of operation and the variety of works carried on it, has been found necessary to maintain. Moreover, the percentage of establishment to works in the Trust Board being not more than 20 per cent, compares very favourably with what is allowed for the general Public Works Department works even exclusive of the cost of administration.

	Rs.
	2,18,000
	50,000
	30,000
Total ...	2,98,000

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The average percentage of P. P. W. establishment charges to works during the year 1906-07 as budgetted is 25·0 including direction, though in some Executive Divisions it is as high as 27·2, 35·0 and 33·5.

(2) If, however, a reduction in expenditure on establishments is considered necessary, I am of opinion that it can be effected to some extent by adopting one or other of the following suggestions:—

A. The abolition of the Trust Board and the transfer of the functions of the Trust Board to the Municipal Council.

B. Retaining the two bodies distinct from each other, but presided over by one Officer, who may be –

(a) either the Deputy Commissioner of the Mysore District, or

(b) the Chairman of the Trust Board.

These suggestions require careful examination and mature consideration. I shall here briefly indicate the salient features of each of them, together with my opinion as to which of the alternative schemes I consider best in the interests of the City. To the abolition of the Trust Board and the consequent transfer of its functions to the Municipal Council, I beg to state that there are many and serious objections which were recognised by Government, and set forth in the "statement of objects and reasons for the City of Mysore Improvement Regulation". These objections were based upon the fact that the Municipal Council has not a full-time President, but is presided over by the Deputy Commissioner of a large, populous, and important District. Most, if not all, of the objections will be obviated if an experienced and competent Officer is appointed full-time President of the Council. The duties of such an Officer will, in addition to the purely Municipal work, be [illegible] with an infinite number of administrative and economic problems connected with the public and private rights on a large scale, and the transfer of the population to more sanitary quarters [illegible] undoubtedly a most onerous work requiring an adequate knowledge of Sanitation and Engineering, intimate acquaintance with the habits and usages of the people, and ability to accurately estimate the market value of properties in the City, no less than an [illegible] patience and tact in dealing with persons, often very obstinate and troublesome. In this connection it is noteworthy that, out of 4,772 properties acquired during the last three and a half years by the Trust Board, till the end of June 1907 only 26 cases had to be referred to the Civil Court for adjudication, not on the amount of compensation awarded, but over the

validity of rival claims of the parties to the amount awarded. If the Municipal Council can be given such a full-time President as indicated above, the Improvement work may safely be entrusted to him. Of course this suggestion, if adopted, will necessitate the repeal of the Regulation No. III of 1908, and the necessary amendment of the Municipal Regulation No. VII of 1906.

4. Under this scheme, a salaried Vice-President and a separate Engineer for the Municipality, will become unnecessary, and also substantial reduction in the establishments of both the offices can be effected, as tentatively indicated in the accompanying statements. It may be possible to reduce expenditure still further after personally seeing how the system works. At present, however, the estimated savings amount to about Rs. 15,000 a year.

5. As regards the suggestion, that the Trust Board and the Municipal Council might co-exist, but be presided over by the same officer, I am of opinion that a great deal depends upon who the presiding Officer is. If the Deputy Commissioner is the Chairman, then all the difficulties and objections noticed by Government while drafting the Trust Regulation apply with full force. But, if a single whole-time President is appointed for both the Boards the Improvement work and the Municipal work can certainly be conducted with economy and efficiency, securing the co-ordination of action between the Municipal and the Trust Boards, so rightly insisted upon and desired by Government.

6. In the event of the Deputy Commissioner being appointed Chairman of the Trust Board, he will naturally expect some reasonable remuneration for the extra work devolving on him; the necessity anticipated by Government may arise of appointing an Officer of the grade of an Amildar to attend to the acquisition of properties, a work the importance and difficulties of which cannot be over-estimated. Compulsory acquisition of properties is a power secured to Government under special legislation exercisable by Government under special circumstances and through an officer of the grade of a Deputy Commissioner. The statutory conditions under which this power can be exercised, indicate the importance of the work and the solicitude of Government to respect and guard private rights against possible improper infringements.

7. In Mysore, where the value of house-property is steadily rising, I consider that the work of acquisition as well as that of construction, should be under the special management of an Officer of a status and standing sufficient to command the respect and confidence of the public. From a financial point of view too, this scheme does not commend itself to me, as it fails to secure any appreciable reduction in expenditure under the head of establishments.

8. In conclusion, I beg to state that if, notwithstanding the Board has a sufficient provision for the current year, any curtailment in expenditure on establishment in considered necessary by Government, the Trust Board as a separate body may be abolished, and the work of improvement in the City transferred to the Municipality, providing, till the contemplated improvements are fully carried out, a full-time President for the Council who possesses the necessary professional knowledge and experience, and who is capable of dealing with the various difficult administrative and economic problems, which will inevitably arise in displacing and planting population.

M. C. Rangachariar 22nd August 1917

Statement showing the charges that will be incurred if the Deputy Commissioner is made *Ex-officio* Chairman of the Trust Board.

Items	Amount	Remarks
1. Allowance to the Deputy Commissioner	Rs. 2,400 at Rs. 200 a month	In consideration of the additional work devolving on him.
2. Pay of the special officer to be entrusted with the acquisition work	Rs. 3,000 at Rs. 250 a month	Appointment necessary as anticipated by Government.
3. Special Officer's establishment	Rs. 720 at Rs. 60 a month	Do.
Total ...	Rs. 6,120	

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Statement showing the savings that could be effected if the proposed amalgamation of the Municipal and Trust Bodies is brought into force.

Items	Sanctioned sum for 1906-07	Proposal for 1907-08	Savings that could be effected	Remarks
Pay of the Vice-President	†Rs. 6,000 at Rs. 500 a month	...	*Rs. 6,000 at Rs. 500 a month	The ordinary Municipal administration may be looked after by the President of the combined Boards, and there is no necessity for a paid Vice-President.
Municipal Engineer ...	† Rs. 1,200 at Rs. 80+20 a month	...	Rs. 1,200 at Rs. 80+20 a month	The Sub-Divisional Officers now employed on the Trust Board may supervise the works. The Sub-Divisional Officer, whose services have been lent by the Mysore City Municipality will revert to his permanent appointment in the Municipality.
Total			Rs. 7,200	

*The present incumbent is drawing only Rs. 350 a month. But, as this is likely to vary according to the grade of the Officer appointed, the amount sanctioned for 1906-07 is taken into account.

† The pay of this Officer has since been increased to Rs. 100+20 a month.

(Why has the reason been omitted?)

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Statement showing the reduction proposed in the establishment of the City Improvement Trust Board, Mysore.

No. 1906-07	No. 1907-08	Particulars	As per sanctioned budget: Per month	Per annum	Total	As now proposed: Per month	Per annum	Total	Savings effected
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	1	Chairman	1,000	12,000	...	1,000	12,000	...	...
1	1	Manager	100	1,200	...	100	1,200	...	...
1	1	Accountant	65	780	...	65	780	...	...
1	1	Assistant Accountant	25	300	...	25	300	...	...
1	1	Cashier	50	600	...	50	600	...	...
1	1	Head clerk	50	600	...	50	600	...	...
1	1	Second clerk	35	420	...	35	420	...	...
1	1	Third clerk or copyist	30	360	...	30	360	...	...
1	0	Record keeper...	25	300	...	...	...	...	300
1	1	Munsi	25	300	...	25	300	...	...
1	1	Head Draftsman	50	600	...	50	600	...	...
1	0	Assistant Draftsman	30	360	...	...	...	...	360
1	0	Store-keeper	35	420	...	..	...	...	420
1	1	Daffadar	10	120	...	10	120	...	...
1	1	Head peon	8	96	...	8	96	...	...
2	2	Peons at Rs. 7 each	14	168	...	14	168	...	...
2	2	Peons at Rs. 6 each	12	144	...	12	144	...	...
1	1	Sweeper	5	60	...	5	60	...	...
1	1	Scavenger	2	24	...	2	24	...	...
		Total ...	...	...	18,888	...	...	17,772	1,080
2	0	Collection staff mutaddies at Rs. 10 each ...	20	240	...	...	...	...	...
		Establishment at an outlay of Rs. 30 per month to keep masonry works already executed in repair ...	30	360	600	...	...	...	600
		Travelling allowance	...	...	1,500	...	...	...	1,500
		Contingencies	50	600	600	50	600	600	...
		Total ...	...	...	21,588	...	...	18,372	3,180
1	1	Executive Engineer	500+60	6,720	...	500+60	6,720	...	...
3	3	Sub-Divisional officers	100 to 200 +35	6,060	...	100 to 200 +35	6,000	...	...
6	6	Sub-Overseers...	35 to 50 +15	4,050	...	35 to 50 +15	4,050	...	...
3	0	Surveyors	25 to 30 +15	1,620	...	...	...	...	1,620
7	7	Mestries	20 to 25 +7½	2,580	...	20 to 25 +7½	2,580	...	...
1	0	Storekeeper	25+10	420	...	...	...	...	420
1	1	Accountant	50 to 74	888	...	74	888	...	...
1	1	Assistant Accountant	25	300	...	25	300	...	...
1	1	Head Draftsman	40 to 50	600	...	40 to 50	600	...	...
1	1	Cashier	40	480	...	40	480	...	...
1	1	Head clerk	30	360	...	30	360	...	...
1	0	Record keeper...	25	300	...	...	...	...	300
1	1	Assistant Draftsman	20 to 25	300	...	20 to 25	300	...	...
3	3	Clerks at Rs. 25 each	75	900	...	75	900	...	...
6	2	Clerks at Rs. 20 each	100	1,200	...	40	480	...	720
1	0	Clerk	15	180	...	...	...	...	180
1	1	... ...	20	240	...	20	240	...	...
2	2	Peons at Rs. 7 each	14	168	...	14	168	...	...
8	8	Peons at Rs. 6 each	48	576	...	48	576	...	...
7	7	Sweepers	(5 to 6)-41	492	...	41	492	...	...
1	1	Scavenger	2	24	...	2	24	...	...
		Total ...	...	...	29,068	...	...	25,848	3,240
		Travelling allowance	...	...	202	...	...	...	202
		Contingencies...	...	...	360	...	...	360	...
		Petty establishment charges ...	...	...	2,000	...	...	...	2,000
		Total ...	...	...	31,630	...	...	26,208	5,442
		Grand Total ...	...	...	53,218	...	...	44,580	8,622

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Mr G. Hanumantha Rao's dissent dt 2nd Augt 1907

1. I dissent from the above suggestions.

2. Full time Presidentship for the Municipal Council of the Bangalore City was tried and was abandoned. For several reasons I am not in favor of any officer other than the Deputy Commissioner of the Mysore District being made President of the Mysore City Municipal Council.

3. The Deputy Commissioner will, in the solution of all professional questions have the assistance of Mr. D'Cruz, Executive Engineer of the Trust Board and of Mr. H. R. Venkatasubba Rao, Executive Engineer of the Mysore City Municipality both of whom have undergone instructions in Sanitary Engineering, and also of Mr. B. Krishna Rao, the Health Officer, who is a Licentiate of Sanitary Science. With the assistance of these officers, there need be no apprehension to make the Deputy Commissioner, President of the Municipal Council with the Trust Board amalgamated with it. Mr. D'Cruz has besides considerable experience in improvement works and his retention as Executive Engineer will be a sufficient guarantee that all improvement works will be carried out satisfactorily.

4. If the Trust Board is amalgamated with the Municipal Council, I think the whole of the Chairman's office costing Rs. 21,552 per annum may be done away with, and the work thereof may be managed by the officials of the Municipal Board office. With the increase of work, it may become necessary to retain a clerk on Rs. 25 or 30 and 4 peons at Rs. 6 or 7 each and also to give the Manager, the Accountant, the Munshi and the Shroff of the Municipal office some extra allowance (say Rs. 10 to the Manager and Rs. 5 each to the Accountant, the munshi and the shroff).

The work of the collection staff of the Chairman's office can be done by the shekdars and collection mutsaddis of the Municipal office and the work of keeping in repair the masonry works already executed may be transferred to the Engineering Department of the Board.

5. The Engineering Department of the Trust Board which costs now Rs. 31,650 per annum is in my humble opinion too large for the present requirements. At present, the operations of the Trust Board are not completed in any one particular area before works are begun in another and they now have extended to almost the whole of the City except certain portions and the result is that a large establishment is needed to supervise scattered works in progress. By confining the improvement works to a particular locality till they are completely carried out there, I am of opinion that two Sub-Division Officers at Rs. 4,040, two Sub-Overseers at Rs. 1,560, Surveyors at Rs. 1,620 and three mestris at Rs. 1,105 in all costing Rs. 8,325 per annum may be dispensed with.

6. As regards acquisition of properties, I do not think that any extra-establishment is necessary. The Vice-President has been relieved of his supervision over the conservancy Department by the Health Officer and in stead of that work, the acquisition may be tacked on to him with the improvements in the City by separate agency, the work for the Municipal Engineer has become comparatively light. He may with the assistance of one of the Sub-Overseers retained as already stated prepare estimates of properties to be acquired, the demolition work being entrested either to him or to the other Engineer.

7. Even if the President is given an allowance of Rs. 200 per mensem, the reduction as above proposed will effect large savings to the extent of Rs. 26,505 per annum as shown below.

Decrease.

	Rs.
Chairman's office establishment	21,552
Engineering establishment as mentioned in para 5... ...	8,325
Total ..	29,877
Deduct increase proposed in para 4	972
Savings ...	28,905
Deduct President's allowance	2,400
Total savings ...	26,505

The unmistakable trend of the confidential communique of the Government in distributing the functions of the Chairman of the Trust Board, between the Deputy Commissioner, the Municipal Vice-President and the Executive Engineer of the Trust Board, I do not feel competent to subject their proposals to a detailed and critical examination, as I am

2nd Augt 07

Mr D. Seshagiri Rao's Note 5-8-07

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not in the happy position like Mr. G. Hanumantha Rao, of being in perfect agreement with the Government suggestions. The Vice-President has justified the Government suggestions by arguments, among others, drawn from the special qualifications possessed by the present Trust Board and Municipal Engineers, and the comparative ease with which the Vice-President himself could deal with the work of acquisition of properties, and planting the displaced population in healthy extensions, as a result of the recent transfer to the Health Officer of the duty of supervising the Conservancy Establishment.

2. A er iving my careful consideration to the minutes of Mr. M. C. Ranga Iyengar an t e Municipal Vice-President, I am of opinion that Mr. M. C. Ranga Iyengar's proposals as a whole are practical, and that the combination suggested by Mr. G. Hanumantha Rao may possibly work smoothly, but not efficiently or economically.

Mr Venkatakrishnaiyah's letter dt 9-8-1907 to the Chairman of the Board of Yourself

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your notice intimating at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on the 10th August 1907 at 8 A. M.

I read the memoranda of Messrs. M. C. Ranga Iyengar, G. Hanumantha Rao and of s atement showing the reduction proposed in the establishment of the City Improvement Trust Board. The memorandum of Mr. M. C. Ranga Iyengar is one which shows to some extent the care and attention with which, the Chairman of the Trust Board and his staff have done their duty with the minimum of cost and the maximum of efficiency.

3. I am of opinion that the experience and skill earned by the Executive of the Trust Board should not be lost in making any arrangements calculated to affect Sanitary Improvements in the City. The Government carefully considered the question of the City Improvement before they established the Trust. If they were of opinion that the Municipality could effectually manage the Improvement of the City, they would never have established a separate Trust. The very appointment of the Trust Board ~~go to show that the~~ Government thought, that the Municipality was incapable of doing justice, to the Municipal as well as the improvement work. It is this that led to the establishment of the Trust. It is evident from the memoranda and the statement which accompaines it that the business of the Trust has been more economically managed than even Public Works Department business. The success of the City Improvement is due entirely to the indefatigable energy and uncommon tact of the Chairman of the Trust Board as well as the great moral support that the Chairman has been receiving from Mr. E. Maconochie, the Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja, who I may be permitted to say without any accusation of flattery, is the real father of the Mysore City Improvement. I wish I had time to write all my opinions in detail about the question, but I am sorry I am unable to do so. I however give you a summary of what I think in the matter. The amalgamation of the City Municipal Council and the Trust Board is not desirable. If the Government is determined to amalgamate the two Boards a very efficient Sub-Committee of the Municipal Council will have to be entrusted with the Improvement work. The experience and skill acquired by the Chairman of the Trust Board will be lost to the City Improvement. The future improvement of the City will not be carried out as economically as here to fore. The savings contemplated by the Government will in the end be found to be no savings at all. I therefore propose that the Trust Board do continues as a separate body and unnecessary establishments in the Municipal Board be abolished or suspended till the Improvement work of the City is complete. If the Board however thinks that the penny wise policy of amalgamating the two Boards should be carried out then I agree with Mr. M. C. Ranga Iyengar in what he as stated as regards the amalgamation. I am sorry I cannot be present at the meeting. I beg you will kindly place this letter before the Board for their consideration.

Mr Maconochie's *Memorandum.* dt 9th August 1907

As stated by Mr. M. C. Rangiengar in his memorandum of the 2nd instant there are two alternatives to be considered, first the abolition of the Trust as a separate body and its amalgamation with the Municipality, and secondly, the retention of the Trust as a separate body, the President of the Municipality and the Chairman of the Trust Board being one and the same Officer. In either case the question arises, whether the presiding Officer shall be a whole time one or the Deputy Commissioner of the district. There is a 3rd alternative, *viz.* to leave things as they are. Mr. Rangienar in his note indicates that, in all probability, the income of the Board this year will not fall much short of that of previous years, and that may be possibly regarded as an argument in favour of continuing the present arrangement.

Mr. Rangiengar and the Chairman are in favor of maintaining the separate identity of the two bodies, but would place them under a whole time Chairman and President. They would abolish the posts of Municipal Vice-President and Engineer and thereby obtain a saving of Rs. 6,120 per annum. In other respects they would leave the existing Municipal

establishments untouched, but would reduce the cost of the Board's establishment by Rs. 8,622. The arguments in favor of these proposals are as follows :—

(*a*) The difficulty and extent of the Chairman's work demands more time than the Deputy Commissioner of an important district such as Mysore can dovote to it.

(*b*) I a whole time President and Chairman be appointed, and immediate savings of s. can be effected and, possibly, a larger one later on, when experience has been gained.

(*c*) The value of house property in Mysore is steadily rising and the work of acquisition and construction demands the appointment of an officer of status, who will command the confidence and respect of the inhabitants.

(*d*) The alternative scheme of appointing the Deputy Commissioner Chairman fails to secure any appreciable reduction in the cost of establishments.

3. The Vice-President considers that the two bodies should be amalgamated. He supports his scheme with the following arguments :—

(1) That it is undesirable that any officer other than the Deputy Commissioner should be President of the Municipality.

(2) That the engineering and sanitary talent available under the arrangement will be ample and will remove any necessity for an Engineer Chairman.

(3) That a saving of Rs. 26,505 can be effected.

(4) That the Vice-President and Municipal Engineer having been relieved of responsibility for sanitation and water supply, the former will have ample time to carry out the work of acquisition, while the latter can be utilised in connection with the Engineering work of the Trust.

4. I will now offer my own opinion. On general administrative grounds, I consider it most inadvisable to separate the Deputy Commissioner from the Municipality. There is no doubt that the District is a heavy one and demands all the energies of a competent officer. At the same time, the Municipal administration of Mysore City is of far more than merely local importance. As the main residence of His Highness and his family, the health and safety of the ruling house are concerned. Again at the time of the Birthday, the Dasara and other festal occasions, such as the recent visit of the Prince of Wales, it is a centre of attraction for all Mysore and an epidemic outbreak on such an occasion may have the most far reaching and disastrous consequences. It would be, to my mind, absolutely inadmissible that, at such times, the executive chief of the Municipality should be any other than the head of the District, who can command the services of every department of State, and who, whatever duties may be delegated to local bodies, must be held ultimately responsible for the safety and well-being of the capital. There is a further consideration and that is, that on important occasions it tends, not only to the dignity of the Municipal Commission, but also to smoothness of working with State Officials and departments, that the Municipality should be represented by the Chief Officer of the District. No other Officer, of any department, can get the whole local machinery into efficient motion. On these grounds I hold that the Deputy Commissioner should continue to be President of the Municipality.

5. The next question is whether the two bodies should be amalgamated. The prospect of savings held out by the Vice-President is undoubtedly tempting, while no man can deny that it is desirable that the fullest amount of work should be got out of the Municipal Executive. I am not, however, in favour of the proposal. It may be supposed that I am biassed in favour of an institution, for which I am in a great measure personally responsible. Possibly that is so, but I feel as strongly convinced now as I did four years ago that the improvement work demands a much more energetic spirit than is apparent in Municipal Councils, speaking generally, in Mysore or elsewhere in India. To put a great many considerations, with which any one who has had to do with Municipalities is familiar, into a small compass, I should say that a Municipal executive has too many masters and the result is a certain inertia. There are far too many strings at work and I am, therefore, all for an independent compact body, in close touch with Government, and composed, so far as may be of gentlemen who will be influenced by no considerations but the public good. I believe that the Board as constituted, fulfils these conditions. Further I believe it is good both for the Municipality and the Trust to have another body alongside of it, interested in its work, but capable of forming an independent opinion and of offering advice and criticism while creating an atmosphere of friendly rivalry, which cannot but be beneficial. No institution in this world is perfect, and if Government, the Municipality or the members of the Board consider that the Improvement Trust has risen absolutely to the level of its possibilities they must be easily satisfied.

I would not however do away with it, but rather seek to increase its usefulness by economising establishment and by bringing it into closer touch with the Municipality; and this can be done.

6. The third alternative is to leave things as they are. I have referred above to the probable income, which, if it can be proved that the most economical use is being made at present of the funds available, is undoubtedly an argument in favour of such a course. Perally, I have long been of opinion that this is not the case and that the executive side of Board is oversta ed. I desire in no way to depreciate the work done by the Chairman s su or inates ar from it. If our income was larger, I should be all in favour now, as was in the initial ages, of an expensive whole-time Chairman and a big staff. But at a time when Government is straining every nerve to reduce expenditure on establishments we are bound to ask ourselves whether a reduction cannot be effected. Mr. Rangaiengar makes a comparison of the incidence of establishment on total expenditure as compared with that recognised in the Public Works Department. But for several reasons such a comparison is fallacious. Taking the figures for 1905-06 the last year for which the annual report is available, the following results are obtained. The total expenditure for that year was, Rs. 3,37,212. Of this amount about Rs. 77,000 was spent on acquisition. The total expenditure on "works" amounted to Rs. 2,60,000, or 77 per cent of total expenditure. Supposing that 77 per cent of the establishment was occupied with works, (as a matter of fact the percentage was probably much less) the cost of that establishment was about Rs. 33,000 which gives a percentage on the cost of works of something under 13. If the price of Doultons pipes is deducted, some Rs. 58,000, the percentage rises to about 16. In 1906-07 the proportion of funds spent on acquisition rose considerably. I have not got the figures, but I think it will be found that the incidence of establishment on works was very heavy. My argument simply is that the Public Works Department standard of incidence of establishment is not applicable to an undertaking like the Trust. In a thinly populated part acquisition is on a small scale and works proceed apace. In densely crowded quarters acquisition is a heavy item and construction has to wait. It is not possible to adapt establishment to the precise circumstances of the year though more might be done in that direction than has been hitherto. During as year or unless the members of the construction establishment were tumbling over one another on the works, there must have been constant transfer of them to other work connected with acquisition and that, I belive, was the case. The only practical way of dealing with the matter is to consider the establishment in detail and endeavour to find out whether it is fully occupied. My own impression is that it is not. I believe that both the Chairman's and the construction establishment would bear cutting down extensively without injury to progress of work. The main business of the Chairman's Office is, I take it, the acquisition of properties, the giving out of new sites, the recovery of dues and the advancing of loans. During 1905-06, 596 properties were acquired, Rs. 72,515 were disbursed in payment of compensation, Rs. 16,911 were recovered, 147 sites (including 17 houses constructed by the Trust) were allotted and Rs. 4,201 were advanced as loans. Putting it in a different way, it took an establishment consisting of the Chairman and 12 subordinates, exclusive of menials, not to mention sub-divisional officers and other establishment intended for construction, to do the following work per diem, making the moderate allowance of 265 working days. 2·25 properties acquired, Rs. 273·64 paid out as compensation, Rs. ~~6,381~~ recovered, ·55 sites allotted and Rs. 15·47 advanced as loans. It will of course be said that there is a lot of incidental work that these figures take no account of. But net results of this kind are the only true test and my experience is that excessive establishments make work, much of it absolutely unnecessary, for themselves. I know the amount of work that was turned out in a year by the present executive Engineer of the Trust with a scratch establishment of Surveyors, most of them untrained boys from the Industrial School, before the Trust was born or thought of and I can draw only one conclusion. I believe that the establishment of this portion of the Office could be safely reduced to the extent shown in the statement appended. The net saving would amount to Rs. 3,552.

7. On the construction side of the Office, I believe that a still larger saving may be effected, by reducing 2 subdivisional officers and certain subordinates, as shown in the statement referred to. I quite admit that so long as operations are splayed out over a huge area, there is something to be said for the retention of three sub-divisional officers. But even now a great, if not the greater portion of their time is taken up by acquisition work. Further in my opinion a determined effort should now be made to concentrate, and if that is done, the Executive Engineer and a single subdivisional officer with the necessary staff will be quite sufficient.

8. I now return to the question of Chairmanship and the conduct of acquisition. While admitting to the full the success of the Chairman's labours in the matter of acquisition, I believe that the work can be efficiently done by a first grade Amildar or a last grade Assistant

Commissioner working under the general supervision of the Deputy Commissioner as Chairman. Difficult cases no doubt arise, but such an officer can always call in the help of the Deputy Commissioner or of the influential local gentlemen serving on the Trust or outside it, who have always been ready to make their services available. Of course a man of integrity, tact and patience is essential, but I have not the smallest doubt that such an one will be forthcoming. I believe that an officer of that status, with the Deputy Commissioner and the Board at his back will command the respect of the people. I have not learnt that the Vice-President has experienced any difficulty in either estimating the value of the properties that he has acquired recently, or in coming to terms with their owners. And it is, I believe, the fact that the rates paid by him are not in excess of those paid by the Board. It is no doubt true that the value of property is rising, and the Trust itself has contributed to the tendency by its improvements. But on the other hand, the people have not forgotten the plague, they live under conditions, which must be as disgusting to the majority of them as they are to those of us who give our mornings to examining them and they are well aware that behind the acquisition officer, the Chairman, the Board and Government, there is His Highness himself. All these reasons have simplified the task of acquisition in the past, coupled as it has been with facilities for removal to healthy quarters and I know of no reason why they should not continue to operate in the future. I have every reason to be familiar with the quotation on page 7 of Mr. Rangiengar's memorandum. But it must be remembered that when it was originally penned the situation was doubtful. A new enterprise was to be initiated and it was desirable to give it the best chance. The case is different now, we have gained experience, the enterprise has passed beyond the region of experiment and I am prepared to maintain that, thanks mainly to the temper of the people and their desire for healthy conditions, the task of acquisition is at the present moment a comparatively simple one.

9. By the substitution of the Deputy Commissioner as Chairman, the appointment of an acquisition officer and the curtailment of establishment, we can, according to my computation set free for further improvement a sum of Rs. 18,840 per annum and at the same time provide a reasonable allowance for the Deputy Commissioner. The allowance is a matter of no particular account to the present Deputy Commissioner, but it is reasonable that he should be remunerated for the additional work that will be thrown on him, whilst it is most desirable that his successor should have a material inducement to give his time and interest to the work. It is no doubt the case that the Deputy Commissioner has his hands full already but I believe his work could be lightened in more than one direction, and I have the assurance of both the present and the late Deputy Commissioner that they are and would have been able and willing to undertake the work. Finally I decline to believe that any officer in the service, knowing how near to His Highness' heart the improvement of his capital is, will not be eager to devote a portion of his energies to the task.

10. There are two points to which I have not referred. The first is the additional responsibility that will be imposed on the Executive Engineer under the arrangement that I propose. He will have to take over demolitions which have I understand been hitherto carried out directly under the Chairman's orders, and one or two other items of work. For the rest he will not require more discretion than is allowed by the Public Works Department code to officers of the rank of Executive Engineer. The second is of far greater importance. The alternative proposal for the creation of a Chairman-President involves the institution of an "imperium in imperio" or power within a power, which, from the general administrative point of view can only be contemplated with the gravest misgiving. Such an officer will have in a City of the size of Mysore a position that will altogether overshadow that of the head of the District. It is not necessary to labour the point, which will be appreciated by every Executive Officer of experience. I can only say that, were I Deputy Commissioner of Mysore, I should decline to consider it for a moment.

Statement showing proposed reductions of establishment and consequential savings and expenditure.

Possible reductions in Chairman's Office	Rs.
1 Manager	100
1 Assistant Accountant	25
1 Record Keeper	25
1 2nd Clerk	30
1 Munshi	25
1 Head [illegible] man	50
1 [illegible]	35
1 Peon	6
	296 × 12=3,552

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Executive Engineer's Establishment.

	Rs.		
2 Subdivisional Officers	365		
3 Sub-overseers	195		
3 Mestris	90		
4 Clerks	75		
4 Peons	24		
	749 × 12	=	8,988
Total saving ...			12,540
Add Chairman's salary ...			12,000
			24,540
Deduct acquisition Officer	3,600		
Deduct Commissioner's allowance	2,400		
	6,000		
			6,000
			18,540

If two subdivisional officers are considered essential for the present deduct another Rs. 3,600, leaving a net saving of Rs. 14,940 or say Rs. 15,000.

~~Submitted to Government.~~

Memo of Mr. M. Anantharajiah dated 16th August 1907.

After going through the Memoranda of the Sub-Committee members and that of Mr. Maconochie I consider that in the interests of the Sanitary improvements now being carried out in the Mysore City, the work of the acquisition should not be separated from that of construction, that both should go hand in hand, and that the Trust Board should be preceded over as suggested by Mr. M. C. Rangiengar, by an Engineer of a very high status and standing sufficient to command the respect and confidence of the public.

I am therefore strongly of an opinion in the light of experience that the present incumbent should continue as Chairman till at least all the contemplated improvements are fully carried out. Meanwhile attempts should be made to curtail establishments as far as practicable without detrinment to efficiency.

G. Hanumantha Rao's MEMORANDUM. dt 19th August 1907.

(1) I have alredy disented from the proposal to keep the Trust Board distinct from the unici a ouncil. The remark of Mr. Maconochie in para 5 of his memorandum that the Municipal E cutive has too many masters as an argument against the amalgamation of both the Boar s applies with equal force to the Trust Board, if the members thereof want to Exercise Executive functions as the members of the Municipal Council do. The members of both the Boards are consultative bodies and if they are precluded from entering into Executive functions as is the case now in the Trust Board, I dare ~~not~~ say that the Improvement works may be carried out by the Municipality as smoothly as they are done by the Trust Board. With reference to his remarks in the same para I beg to add further that the Municipal Council is in as close a touch with Government as the Trust Board is and that merely makin the Pr ident of the Municipality Chairman of the Trust Board may not ring ot e o ics into c os touch with each other.

(2) I have suggested the abolition of the whole of the Chairman's Office; but Mr. Maconochie's proposal is to retain a part of that Establishment costing Rs. 296 out of Rs. 571 per mensem. The Chairman (Deputy Commissioner) will be an itinerant officer; and the question arises who is to be the Head of the Establishment during his absence from head quarters. The appointment of a Vice-Chairman is not desirable under the present circumstances and the only attractive alternative will be transfer the work of this establishment to the office of the Municipal Council as stated by me in para 4 of my Memo of the 2nd instant if the Government chooses to make the acquisition Officer proposed by Mr. Maconochie Chairman,

(3) Mr. Maconochie's proposals regarding the curtailment in the Engineering branch of the Trust Board are almost indentical with mine as mentioned in para 5 of my Memo above referred to.

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also s est para 6 of that Memo that the appointment of a separate
n er is unnecessar and I even now of the same opinion.

G. HANUMANTA RAO,
Vice-President Mysore City Municipl Council.
9-8-07.

Opinion of Mr. M. C. Ranga Iyengar, dated 31st August 1907, on Mr. Maconochie's Memorandum.

r. Maconochie, with his characteristic courtesy consented to his Memorandum being lated among the other members of the Trust Board, with a view to their expressing their individual opinion thereon.

2. I have carefully read the memorandum and beg to offer the following for the consideration of Government.

3. The arguments which Mr. Maconochie adances for justifying the Deputy Commissioner of the District being necessarily the Aresidet of the Municipal Board, appear to me to be unconvincing. In this connection, I would nvite attention to the valuable observations made by Lord Ripon in his famous resolut of 18th May 1882, anent "Local Self-Government in India," from which I venture to ext act the following passages:

"It should be the general function of the e utive officers of Government to watch, especially at the out-set, the proceedings of the lo boards; to point to them matters calling for their consideration, to draw their attention t any neglect of duty on their part, and to check by official remonstrance any attempt to e their proper functions, or to act illegally or in an arbitrary or unreasonable manner.

18. "It does not appear necessary, for the reise of these powers, that the chief executive officer of towns, sub-divisions d districts uld be chairman or even members of the local boards. There is indeed much reason t ve that it would be more convenient that they should supervise and control th acts of thes odies, without taking actual part in their proceedings. The Governer-General in Counci s aware that many high authorities hold a e officer should always be *ex-officio* chairm of all the local boards within the district and sh ld directly guide and regulate their pro edings. This was indeed the view taken by the Government of India itself in the circula letters of the 10th October last, so far as the constitution of district boards was concerned. But even then the Governor-General in Council did not see his way to accepting the pri ple in the case of Municipal Boards; and further consideration has led him to the belief th on the whole, it is better to lay down no such general rule in the case of any class of local boards. There appears to him to be great force in the argument that so long as the chief executive officers are, as a matter of course, Chairman of the Municipal and District Committees, there is little chance of these Committees affording any effective training to their members in the management of local affairs, or of the non-official members taking any real interest in local business. The non-official members must be led to feel that real power is placed in their hands, and and that they have real responsibilities to discharge. It is doubtful whethe they have under present arrangements any sufficient inducement to give up their time and attention to the transaction of public business. There is the further objection to the district offi r acting as Chairman that if the non-official members are independent and energetic, risk ay arise of unseemly collision between the Chairman and the Board. The former would in a far more dignified and influential position if he supervised and controlled the proceedings of the Board from outside, acting as arbiter between all parties, and not as leader of ny."

19. "The Governor-General in Council therefore would wish to see non-official persons acting, wherever practicable, as Chairman of the local boards. There may, however, be places where it would be impossible to get a suitable non-official Chairman, and there may be districts where the chief executive offi must for the present retain these duties in his own hands. But His Excellency in Coun l trusts that the Local Governments will have recourse sparingly to the appointment of executive officers as Chairman of local boards; and he is of opinion that it should be general rule that when such an officer is Chairman of any local board, he shall not in that capacity have a vote in its proceedings. This arrangement will to some extent, tend to strengthen the independence of the non-official members, and keep the official Chairman, where there must be such, apart from the possible exigencies of opposing parties.

Thus, notwithstanding that the President of the Municipality may be a non-official member, the District officer is always a supervising authority, as undoubtedly he should be. In the present case I do not plead for a non-official President; I only beg to suggest that the Municipal administration and the Trust administration may be carried on with great efficiency on the one hand, and with great usefulness and educative value to the people on the er hand, if an officer of Government with sufficient status, training and experience, is appointed whole-time President of both the bodies. The Deputy Commissioner of the District y virtue of the powers vested in him by the Municipal Regulation can always watch, supervise and point out any neglect of duty on the part of the Municipality, and in other ways exercise effective control. Larger and more important cities in India, such as the Presidency towns, where nearly the same conditions exist as those in Mysore, have Municipalities presided over by officers who are not the chief executive district officers, without the efficiency of the Municipal administration suffering in any degree, and without any disasterous consequesces ensuing as those apprehended by Mr. Maconochie.

4. In para VI of his memorandum, Mr. Maconochie observes that the executive side of the Board is over-staffed, and doubts whether the most economical use is being made at present of the available funds. With due deference to him, I respectfully beg to demur to the propriety of applying to the work of a public officer and his staff the test detailed therein. If the same test is applied to the work of any Government Officer and his subordinate establishment, the result obtained will be more curious than those pointed out by Mr. Maconochie. The number of papers signed, the amount of money spent per diem, the average value of property acquired per day, and the average value of construction work done per day etc., cannot be considered by themselves, apart from the huge amount of preparatory work in the shape of correspondence, inspection, consideration of details, parleying with parties etc., and many other items of work incidental to the proper discharge of duties

In the statements appended hereto, I have collected and tabulated in a convenient form the necessary informations bearing on the questions.

5. *Statement A.* shows the duties of the Chairman and his staff, as far as it is practicable to specify the multifarious business in the Mysore City Improvement Trust Board. It will be seen from the statement that, far from the establishment being over-staffed, expenditure on this head is kept down to its lowest level consistently with general efficiency. The Board started with an establishment costing Rs. 3,200 a month; but, as the Board began to deal with the improvements of the City, the necessity was felt for increasing the establishment, executive as well as ministerial. The question of the strength of the establishment was year after year discussed in the Board and the approval of the Board signified thereto.

6. *Statement B.* shows the extent of the correspondence business in the Chairman's office, exclusive of communications by D. Os. and memos.

7. *Statement C.* series give facts showing what use has hitherto been made of the funds placed at the disposal of the Board. The main heads of expenditure are acquisition, construction, and establishments charges.

8. *Statement C. 1.* gives details of the acquisition charges as compared with the estimates prepared by the City Improvement Committee prior to the formation of the Trust Board.

9. In connection with the acquisition of properties, it is important to consider (1) whether the original estimates are appreciably departed from; (2) whether the compensation paid is in excess of the market value; (3) whether the owners of the properties acquired were dissatisfied with the amount of compensation awarded, and whether in consequence the Civil Court had to be resorted to.

10. I believe that these three points are the correct tests to be applied in determining whether under the head of acquisition charges there has been any extravagance. The original estimates are in many cases in excess of the awarded amounts, though in a few they were less. I know of a large number of instances in which the Board has paid less than the prices at which the properties had been purchased and improved by the owners. I have already pointed out in my first memorandum that, out of 4772 properties acquired up to end of June 1906-07, only 26 cases went up to the Civil Court, involving only questions of title to the money awarded. Thus, from every point of view, the work of acquisition has been carried on satisfactorily without extravagance on the one side, and without hardship on the other.

11. *Construction.* It is not even hinted that the Board has been otherwise than economical under this head of expenditure.

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12. *Establishment charges.*—Mr. Maconochie dwells at considerable length upon this head of expenditure and wishes to cut it down extensively. After making all the reductions suggested by him, he is able to show a saving of Rs. 15,000 a year. Whether this saving of Rs. 15,000, a year is worth securing, at the possible, and in my opinion certain, risk of losing in efficiency, is a matter entirely for the consideration of Government. In my memorandum I have attempted to show how it is possible to effect the same amount of saving without endangering efficiency of work. The appended table shows that during the past three and a half years, though the establishment has cost Rs. 1,48,740, in reality only Rs. 32,665 have been spent on establishment out of the purely Government grant, the rest of the money having come out of the realisations the Board has been able to secure through a wise and judicious course of business. Thus it is clear that the Board is not open to the accusation of spending its funds otherwise than economically.

13. Mr. Maconochie does not seem to have considered the question of the control over the execution of works to be placed under the charge of the Executive Engineer. I need not say it is essential in the interests of works and money spent on them, that a close supervision is maintained over the actions of the Executive Engineer as is done in the general Public Work Department in regard to the adherence to the sanctioned estimates in every detail, in securing quality of work specified for, and in maintaining correct accounts, or, in other words, general professional control is absolutely necessary; which will be wanting in the scheme now proposed by Mr. Maconochie in case the Executive Engineer is placed under the direction of the Deputy Commissioner, a Civil officer.

14. My long personal acquaintance with Mysore, and my practice in the Mysore Courts for upwards of twenty years, enable me to submit that the work of acquisition of properties in Mysore is not so easy as imagined by Mr. Maconochie and the Vice-President. Before the formation of the Trust Board, when properties were acquired for public purpose by officers not enjoying the confidence of the public, a large number of cases went up to the Law Courts with the almost invariable result that larger sums were decreed than those originally awarded. The friction engendered by such a procedure between the authorities and the people, was not conducive to the best interests of the City. The beneficent efforts of Government were not properly appreciated, and consequently failed to secure the objects intended. Mr. Maconochie recognises the value of the experience gained within the last four years. I sincerely hope that that valuable experience will be considered by Government to afford a justification for continuing the work of improvements on the lines hitherto pursued. I should be sorry if all this experience gained at considerable trouble and cost were put aside and a doubtful experiment embarked upon.

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Duties of the Chairman.—In addition to the duties laid down in Section 12 of Regulation III of 1903, the following items of work are specially retained under the personal supervision of the Chairman :—

1. Formation of New Extensions.
2. Acquisition and Demolition of properties.
3. The Formation of roads and conservancy lanes in the areas under operations.
4. Disposal of the materials of the dismantled houses acquired by the Board.
5. Disposal of properties vested in and acquired by the Board.
6. Allotment of sites to displaced families, and planting them in extensions and in cleared areas of the City.
7. Grant and recovery of Loans.
8. Granting of licenses for the construction of new houses in the City, and for the improvement of the old ones.
9. Control over the execution of works in general.
10. Scrutiny of the Improvement Projects before submission to Board and Government.
11. Scrutiny of payments and compilation of accounts of the Trust Board for submission to the Comptroller.
12. Reclamation of the Doddakere Tank bed, and running a road across it; and the filling in of the Purniah's Nallah.

A (2)

Statement showing the main items of work done by the officials of the Chairman's Office.

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1. *Manager.*—To attend to correspondence connected with the Board's meetings.
2. To attend to correspondence with Government and Heads of Departments, etc.
3. To pass all drafts before submission to the Chairman.
4. To exercise supervision over all the branches of the office.

CORRESPONDENCE SECTION.

1. *Head Clerk.*—To put up all routine drafts.
2. To put up office notes, precis, etc., for Chairman's orders.
3. To compare all fair copies of letters and statements.
4. To put up translations of Kanarese petitions whenever necessary.

1. *Second or Depuly clerk.*—To maintain Government and Miscellaneous "To" and "From" registers and D. O. register.
2. To put up all references and issue timely reminders.
3. To type all letters, reports, etc., and despatch them.
4. To be in charge of the office records.

1. *Third clerk.*—To maintain Executive Engineer's "To" and "From" registers.
2. To faircopy all routine drafts, letter, etc.
3. To copy Declaration Statements, and Estimates in duplicate, and sometimes in triplicate, and all other works incidental to it.
4. To attend to Plague Reports.

1. *Fourth clerk or Record-keeper, put on license work.*—To be in charge of the Stationery, and to maintain accounts connected therewith.
2. To attend to the issue of licenses and other works incidental to it.

1. *Munshi.*—To read Kanarese petitions for the orders of the Chairman, and to attend to orders passed thereon.
2. To attend to Kanarese references received from the Courts, Municipality, and Taluk Offices.
3. To maintain "To" and "From" Kanarese registers, the average number of Kanarese petitions received in a year being 2,134.
4. To be in charge of the Kanarese Records.

1. *Cashier.*—To maintain the Cash Book.
2. To draw Cheques for Bills passed for payment by the Chairman.
3. To draw Receipts for Cheques delivered and payments received to the Mysore City Improvement Trust Fund on account of sale of sites, materials etc.
4. To attend to the preparation of the Periodical Returns.
5. To assist the accountant in the compilation of monthly accounts.
6. To attend to correspondence and other routine work connected with the cash transactions.

COMPENSATION SECTION.

1. *Account. Compensation Section.*—To check compensation bills with estimates.
2. To note claims including Court Prohibitory orders.
3. To prepare office notes on conflicting claims.
4. To attend to references to Court under Land Acquisition Regulation
5. To check Demolition and cutting and carting bills.

1. *Store-Keeper, or custodian of records in connection with Board's properties.*—To maintain stock and sale registers connected with
   (a) Houses acquired by the Board,
   (b) Experimental houses constructed by the Board,
   (c) Building sites in the City,
   (d) Small plots of land adjoining houses in the City,
   (e) Sites created in the Extensions.
2. To draw Title Deeds for properties sold.
3. To keep Ledger of outstandings and to issue Notices of Demand.
4. To prepare Loan orders and Bonds and draw Receipts for Instalments paid.

1. *Assistant Accountant.*—To maintain Compensation Register of,
   (a) amount paid for properties by Blocks;
   (b) comparison between actuals and original estimates;

2. To maintain a register of the extent of houses demolished and materials secured.
3. To maintain a register of the movements of Displaced Population to guard against Over-crowding.
4. To be in charge of the Records of the Compensation Branch.

DRAWING SECTION.

1. *Draftsman.*—To check Plans and Estimates of the several Drainage Projects received from the Executive Engineer, and to attend to the alterations ordered by the Chairman.
2. To prepare Comparative Statements for Revised Estimates, etc.
3. To prepare original Building Plans and Estimates.
4. To check the Plans for new houses received before granting licenses.
5. To furnish information to the petitioners in regard to the Improvement proposals in the areas of the City not handled by the Board.
6. To attend to the several works connected with the Drawing Branch.

1. *Assistant Draftsman.*—To ink the pencil drawings and to trace them.
2. To enlarge or to reduce to scale required, the plans when necessary.
3. To prepare Ferro-Type copies of plans, and to mount them.
4. To maintain a register of the Estimates as sanctioned.
5. To assist the Draftsman in preparing and checking estimates, and to be in charge of all the plans, records of the Drawing Branch.

B. MYSORE CITY IMPROVEMENT TRUST BOARD.

Statement showing the total number of communications received in the Chairman's Office, and those despatched therefrom.

Items	1903-04		1904-05		1905-06		1906-07		Total	
	From	To	From	To	From	To	From	To	From	To
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Miscellaneous including Executive Engineer	803	673	2,090	1,964	1,520	1,748	1,214	1,176	5,630	5,560
Government	82	92	223	199	198	145	219	150	722	686
D. Co. and Xerox	...	...	...	46	...	222	...	195	...	463
Total ...	885	721	2,313	2,209	1,718	2,115	1,433	1,521	6,352	6,609

NOTE.—For the year 1903-04 the figures mentioned above are for six months only, i.e. from 1st January 1904.

C. I.—Statement showing the average cost of the properties acquired in the several Drainage Areas as compared with those estimated by the Improvement Committee.

	As originally proposed by the Improvement Committee			As actually worked out by the Trust Board till the end of June 1907		
	Number of properties	Estimated cost	Average cost per property	Number of properties acquired out of the originally proposed	Cost incurred for acquisition	Average cost paid per property
		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
	691	37,[illegible]	51	600	40,600	69
	6	1,073	179	6	800	133
	9	[illegible]	[illegible]	9	3,461	384
	114	92,[illegible]	192	116	16,131	139
	2[illegible]	[illegible]	163	293	[illegible]	93
	1,563	[illegible]	146	1,424	1,[illegible]	121
	27	[illegible]	271	24	12,002	500
	716	[illegible]	173	658	87,697	133
	11	[illegible]	281	9	2,310	270
	17	4,012	236	18	2,184	120
	264	[illegible]	147	150	[illegible]	225
	119	[illegible]	92	108	[illegible]	80
	438	82,700	190	269	[illegible]	197

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C II.—Statement showing the total Receipts and Expenditure of the Trust Board for the years 1903-04 to 1906-07.

Years	Receipts			Expenditure	
	State grant	Board's realizations	Total receipts	On acquisition of properties and grant of loans	On drainage and other improvement works
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1903-04	3,00,000	3,016	3,03,016	76,688	41,153
1904-05	3,00,000	50,820	3,50,820	2,46,654	2,26,866 (b)
1905-06	3,00,000	16,012	3,16,012	83,350	2,10,427
1906-07	3,82,710	46,227	4,28,937	1,83,189	1,31,227
Total ...	12,82,710	1,16,075	13,98,785	13,98,785	6,09,673 (c)
Closing balance ...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	...	...	...	..	...

Years	Expenditure		Percentage of establishment charges excluding realisations	Percentage of establishment charges excluding realisations	Remarks
	On establishment charges	Total expenditure			
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
04	(a) 19,815	1,37,066	...	...	(a) Includes Rs. 7,116 being the charge of the establishment of the Assistant Engineer in charge of the preliminary operations
-05	38,208	5,11,728	...	...	(b) Includes Rs. 74,734 paid on account of the purchase of Dunlop's pipes.
6	43,435	3,57,212	...	...	(c) Includes Rs. 17,293 for tools and plant.
... ...	47,282	3,61,698	...	...	
Total ...	1,48,740	13,98,244	12·4	11·8	
Closing balance ...	...	[illegible]	..	...	
Grand Total ...	..	13,98,785	...	...	

C III.—Statement showing the realizations secured and the cost incurred on account of the establishment charges by the Trust Board from 1903-04 to 1906-07.

Year	Amount of realizations	Cost of total establishment charges	Amount spent on account of establishment charges from purely Government grant	Remarks
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1903-04	3,016	*19,815		* This includes Rs. 7,116 being the charges of the Assistant Engineer in charge of the preliminary operations before the formation of the Trust Board.
1904-05	50,820	36,208	32,665	
1905-06	16,012	43,435		
1906-07	46,227	47,282		
Total ...	1,16,075	1,46,740		

* If the amount (Rs. 7,116) is taken out of consideration the amount spent from purely Government grant on account of the establishment charges of the Trust Board is Rs. 25,549.

Opinion of Mr Mahamed Jaffer dated 2nd April 1907.

In curtailing the cost of the Trust Board and of the City Municipality I lay great stress upon increasing the usefulness of the two bodies. In the past when there was no epidemic threatening our doors many improvements were made in this City. The appearance of plague necessitated the improvement work to be carried out expeditiously and often by force. This led to the creation of body like the Trust Board. The Board has worked up to time with great zeal and tactics to the entire setisfaction of both the Government and the Citizens. Although the epidemic has not yet died out fully, it has undoubtedly decreased to a great extent. I think that by amalgamating the Trust Board with the Municipality or appointing a full time President to be in charge of both bodies, work cannot be carried out smoothly and efficiently. Hence I am of oppinion that the Trust Board must remain in existence as it is. Having regard to the good work that the Board has hitherto [illegible] I am of opinion that the energy and tact hitherto displayed should by no means subside and no pains spared by the Government at any cost. If in view of the heavy cost a retrenchment is effected, I fear the disease will again work out a great disaster which must certainly be averted by all possible human efforts.

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I have however no objection to recommend the reduction of one subdivision seeing that the work has progressed so far as to enable us to curtail the establishment to this extent without danger to public welfare.

Letter No. 612, Mysore, dated 6th September 1907, from D. Sitarma Rao, Esq., Chairman Trust Board, Mysore City Improvements, to C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., M. A., Officiating Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments.

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In continuation of my letter No. 610, of the 31st ultimo, I have the honor to submit, in original, the opinion received from Dr. E. S. Krishnaswami Aiyar, Civil Surgeon, Mysore, and ~~Extraordinary~~ member of the Trust Board, on the dissenting minute of Mr. E. Maconochie referred to in para 2 of my letter quoted above.

Opinion of Dr. E. S. Krishnaswami Iyer, Civil Surgeon, dated 5th September 1907.

It has been the singular good fortune of the Trust Board that it secured an Engineer resident, the Board has been able to secure good value for the money spent on the past and to have its accounts kept in an orderly manner. It is notorious that corporate bodies are the least efficient to manage their monetary transactions with economy. From my knowledge of the board I may say this reproach does not apply to it. Deputy Commissioners of Districts are not fully conversant with the system of accounts and audit necessary for large public works. The District officers have not the time to do so. The Maramat Departments of the District offices are generally far from efficieent.

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To the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Mysore, to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, to the President of the Mysore City Municipal Council, to the Chief Engineer of Mysore, to the Sanitary Commissioner in Mysore, to the Senior Surgeon to the Government of Mysore, to the Comptroller, Mysore Government, No. 6862-8— , dated Bangalore, 17th January 1908.

ORDER THEREON.—On a careful consideration of all the arguments adduced for and against the proposed amalgamation of the Board of Trustees with the municipal Council, Government have come to the conclusion that it is necessary to continue the Board of Trustees as a separate body distinct from the Municipal Council but that the Barod does not require any longer the services of a whole-time Chairman, and that the Deputy Commissioner may be appointed ex-officio Chairman. The Government of His Highness the Maharaja are of opinion that while the appointment of the Deputy Commissioner as Chairman will throw additional onerous duties on him, there are on the other hand certain considerable advantages in entrusting him with the charge of this department. During the past four years of the Board's working considerable experience has been gained and the programme of the work to be done has been clearly laid down. The responsibilities of the different sections of the Board have been defined and the officials have also acquired considerable experience in dealing with the people and carrying on the operations, and what will be chiefly required of the Chairman will be to exercise watchfulness and general control over the working of the Board and bring his influence to bear on the officials in charge of the different sections. The bringing of the Municipal Council and the Trust Board under one head will, in addition to securing economy in cost, be also the means of removing friction that has existed between the Board of Trustees and the Municipal Council and furthering the future entire amalgamation of the two bodies when the special work on which the Trust Board is now engaged is completed. The Municipal Vice-President having since been relieved of the most onerous of his duties, *viz.*, charge of the conservancy establishment, will be able to carry out the work of acquisition, and the Executive Engineer of the Board of Trustees may be relied upon to carry out satisfactorily both the work of demolition and construction. Under these circumstances Government are pleased to direct, as a tentative measure, that the Deputy Commissioner and President of the city Municipal Council shall also be the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Amalgamation of the Board of Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Mysore with the City Municipal Council.

2. Government also consider that it would be ant eous to have the ealth of the Mysore City Municipality and the y Sanitary er on e oard of Trustees and that when this is done, it is unnecessary that the District Medical and Sanitary Officer should have a seat on the Board. The City of Mysore Improvement Regulation will be amended accordingly.

3. The establishments now working under the Board are also capable of considerable reductions and Government therefore direct that the following reductions be effected immediately.

I. *Reductions in the Chairman's Office establishment*—

	Rs.
1. Manager (Rs. 75-5-100)	100
2. Assistant Accountant	25
3. Record-keeper	25
4. Second clerk	35
5. Munshi	25
6. Head Draughtsman	50
7. Store-keeper	35
8. One peon	6
	301 × 12
	3,612 a year.

II. Reductions of establishment under the Executive Engineer of the Mysore City Improvement Division—

	Rs.
1. Two Sub-Division Officers at 100-20-200+35 each, (only one of the three Sub-Divisions being retained) ...	470
2. Three Sub-Overseer at 50+15	195
3. Three Mestris at 20 to 25+7½	97½
4. Four clerks { 3 on Rs. 20, 1 on „ 15 }	75
5. Four peons on Rs 6 each	24
	861½ × 12
	10,338 a year.

4. The annual grant for the Mysore City Improvement will, with effect from the year 1908-09, be restricted to three lakhs of rupees inclusive of the opening balance in favour of the Board and its income derived from properties.

5. Separate orders will issue as regards the date on which the Chairman should hand over charge of his office to the Deputy Commissioner.

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